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# JAPANESE REJECTION OF FRENCH PROPOSAL

## THAILAND DESIRES FRIENDSHIP

The Thai Prime Minister, Luang Pibula Songgram, reiterated in Bangkok yesterday Thailand's desire for "equal friendship with all friendly powers," says the Thailand radio.

Ex-King Praj Tipok of Siam was reported to have said in an interview that "under an absolute monarchy the people of Thailand knew that Thailand was included in Japan's expansion scheme."

"At that time Thailand's policy was one of maintaining a very intimate friendship with Britain. It is to be hoped the present Government will not change this policy."

The Bangkok radio commentator yesterday stated that the Thai Prime Minister doubted the accuracy of the statement.

He pointed out it was inconsistent with the Thai National Assembly's declared policy of maintaining equal friendship with all friendly powers.—Reuter.

## German Claims Refuted

It was learned in London yesterday that one of four vessels of a convoy recently attacked by the Germans and claimed by them to have been destroyed, has reached a British port undamaged.

These four vessels were officially described as not yet overdue. There were 19 ships in this convoy, which was attacked by a German raider on February 12, writes Reuter's naval correspondent.

As previously officially announced, five were sunk and 10 were safe, leaving four missing.

With the safe arrival in port of this British ship of 6,500 tons there are now three vessels in the convoy unaccounted for, with a total tonnage of about 19,000.

It will be recalled that the Germans claimed at different times that 14, and later, 18, ships of this convoy had been sunk, whereas at the worst eight only may have been lost.—Reuter.

## EVACUATION OF BRITONS FROM SAIGON

Reports from Tokyo that all British subjects have strict orders to leave Saigon, are not entirely correct, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

The truth is that sometime ago British subjects in Indo-China who had no very pressing reasons for remaining in the country were advised to leave.—Reuter.

## Cripps Visit To Ankara

The journey to Ankara of the British Ambassador to Moscow, Sir Stafford Cripps, has caused a great sensation in the Balkans, according to the Budapest correspondent of the Swiss paper "Basler Nachrichten."

It is generally believed that the reason is the necessity of informing Mr. Anthony Eden directly concerning Russia's waiting politics.

The correspondent adds that M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, is expected to deliver his postponed speech shortly, possibly after Sir Stafford returns to Moscow.—Reuter.

## JAPANESE RUMOUR

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN IN CHUNGKING YESTERDAY DESCRIBED AS "PURE RUMOUR AND ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT FOUNDATION" THE JAPANESE REPORT FROM BANGKOK THAT 20,000 CHINESE REGULARS HAD MOVED INTO BURMA RECENTLY TO STRENGTHEN THE BRITISH DEFENCES THERE.—REUTER.

## DIPLOMATS BUSY IN SOFIA

Besides seeing the British Minister, M. Filoff, the Bulgarian Prime Minister, yesterday received the Italian Minister, according to a Sofia telegram.—Reuter.

## Military Take Precautions: Ships Diverted

SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF THE MEDIATION CONFERENCE, IN WHICH JAPAN HAS HANDED PROPOSALS TO FRANCE AND TO THAILAND FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE BORDER DISPUTE, WILL DIRECTLY AFFECT THE FRANCO-JAPANESE ECONOMIC CONVERSATIONS ON INDO-CHINA.

It may also eventually be reflected in relations between Vichy and Berlin, well-informed Japanese sources stated in Tokyo. Meanwhile the French are reported to be rushing military preparations in southern Indo-China following the increased tension.

General Mordant, the Commander-in-Chief, has flown to Saigon from Hanoi.

In Osaka yesterday, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha announced that it has instructed its vessels "Saigon Maru," arriving at Saigon on March 2, and "Bangkok Maru," which sailed from Bangkok yesterday, to sail for Japan via Indo-China ports.

THEY HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO PREPARE ACCOMMODATION FOR JAPANESE CIVILIANS EVACUATING INDO-CHINA UNDER JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

In addition, the "La Plata Maru," which sailed from Kobe on Thursday, is due at Haiphong on March 8.

## No Revision

It is disclosed that while Thai announced its willingness to accept the Japanese proposal of February 25, the day after it had been presented, the French representatives approached the Japanese delegates yesterday to ascertain their attitude regarding a possible revision of the Japanese proposal.

THE FRENCH DELEGATES SUBMITTED COUNTER-PROPOSALS WHICH ARE REPORTED TO SHOW A WIDE DIVERGENCE FROM THE JAPANESE FORMULA MAKING JAPANESE ACQUIESCENCE TO REVISION IMPOSSIBLE.

## French Take Decision

THE FRENCH CABINET MET AT VICHY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED AFTERWARDS STATING:

"The Cabinet decided what attitude the Government should adopt towards the negotiations taking place in Tokyo for settlement of the Franco-Thailand conflict."

Unusual feature of the Cabinet meeting was that all the Secretaries of State—heads of Government departments as recently reorganised—attended.—Reuter.

## BOMBS ON DOVER

THERE WAS SCARCELY ANY ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN YESTERDAY BUT A FEW BOMBS WERE DROPPED DURING THE AFTERNOON AT DOVER, CAUSING LITTLE DAMAGE AND NO CASUALTIES.

It is now known, states the Air Ministry, that an enemy bomber was shot down by anti-aircraft fire off South Wales on Wednesday.—Reuter.

## NEW R.A.F. HEADACHE FOR NAZIS

The most powerful 'planes at present in service with any air force in the world have joined the R.A.F. and were in action against enemy occupied territory a few nights ago for the first time, stated the journal "Aeroplane" in London yesterday.

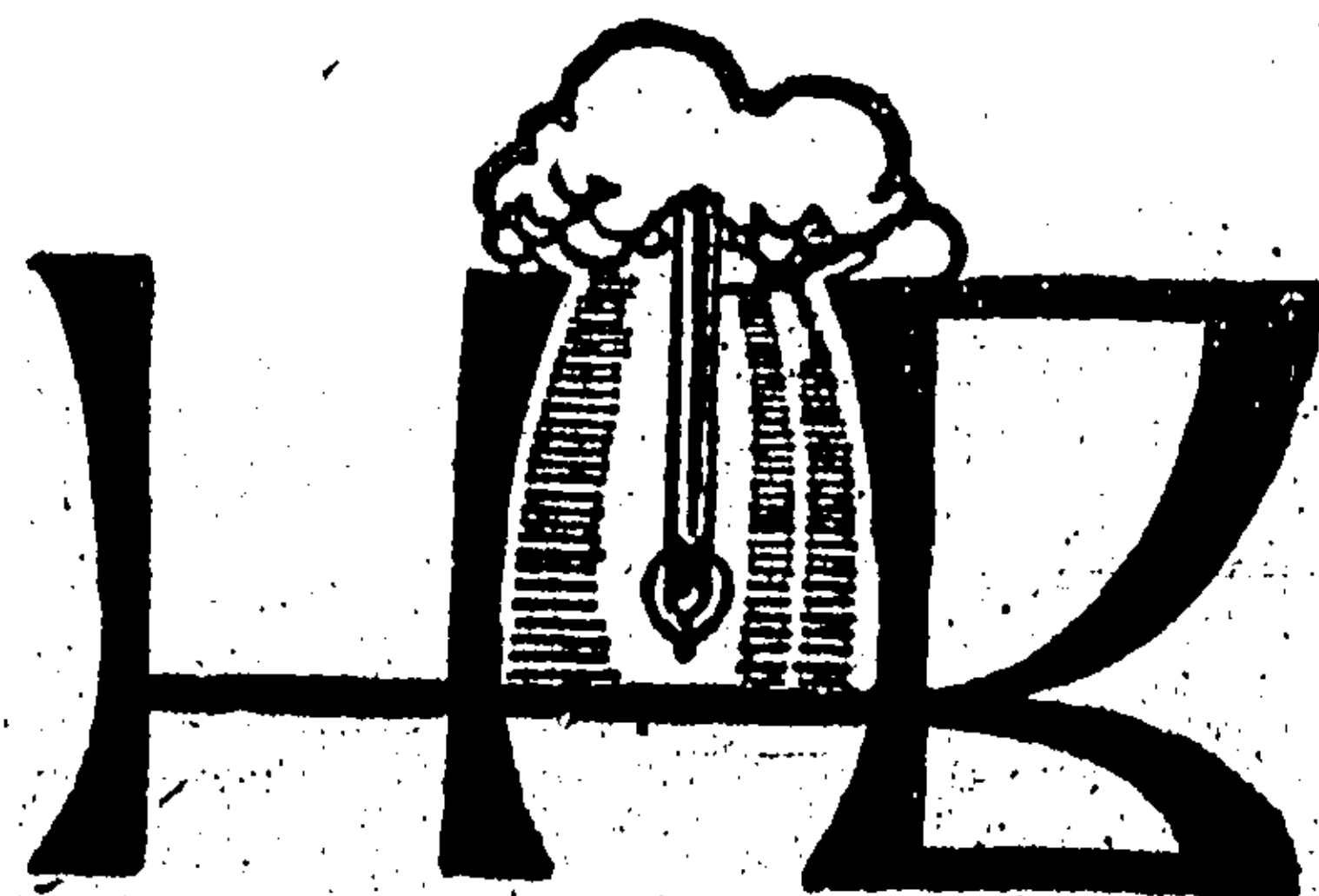
They are Short Stirling four-motor bombers, combining great load-carrying powers at high speed and a very powerful defensive armament.

This addition to the British operating forces will greatly increase our power to strike at the enemy's war effort in the heart of his territory, adds the journal, and with other still newer types and reinforcements from the United States will make possible more intense attacks on selected objectives.—Reuter.

## DANISH SHIPS SEIZED

Two Danish ships captured by a Canadian warship and brought to Port of Spain, Trinidad, have been released by the prize court, "to be used in defence of the nation and the realm," says a Reuter telegram.

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# General Position In The Air Is Hopeful For Britain

## JOB IN THE DODECANESE COMPLETED

British forces which landed on the island of Castel Oritzo, a small Italian Dodecanese island with a seaplane base in the eastern Mediterranean, last Tuesday, have now been withdrawn, having accomplished their object.

This was announced in a joint Admiralty and War Office communique issued in London last night.—Reuter.

## VALONA PLASTERED BY R.A.F.

R.A.F. bombers, with a Hurricane fighter escort, raided Valona aerodrome on Thursday, says a communique on Thursday, says a communique issued by Headquarters of the British Forces in Greece yesterday.

A very large number of bombs were dropped which exploded all over the aerodrome and hangars. Administrative buildings were repeatedly hit.

Seven enemy CR42 fighters were shot down in an ensuing combat and two others collided in mid-air and were destroyed.

The British aircraft all returned safely.

Hurricanes, in their second action since their arrival in Greece, on Thursday brought the number of their victims to 13 without loss to themselves.—Reuter.

## HEAVIER TAXATION IN INDIA

Announcing a prospective deficit in the Indian Budget for 1941/42 of £15,345,000, the Finance Member yesterday proposed an increased rate of excess profits tax from 50 per cent. to 66-2/3 per cent.

This would raise £1,875,000 and, by raising the central surcharge on income tax and super tax from 25 to 33-1/3 per cent, they would obtain an additional £1,425,000.

He also proposed to double the excise duty on matches to produce £1,125,000, to increase the import duty on artificial silk, yarn and thread, and introduced a new 10 per cent ad valorem excise duty on pneumatic tyres and tubes, yielding together £532,000.

Total estimated yield would thus be £4,957,500, reducing the prospective deficit to £10,387,500.

The uncovered revenue deficit would be met by borrowing.—Reuter.

## Graphs Show Rising Tide Of Production

MAJOR OLIVER STEWART, AIR CORRESPONDENT OF THE LONDON "OBSERVER," IN AN ARTICLE STATES FACTS, NOT OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED BUT CONSIDERED BY INFORMED QUARTERS IN LONDON TO BE MORE RELIABLE THAN MANY RECENT ESTIMATES OF GERMAN AIR STRENGTH.

Actual German first-line air strength is probably under 5,000 and certainly no greater than 5,000 to 6,000 planes.

The proportions of first-line long-range bombers is 1,500 to 1,600 fighters. Of these, two-thirds are single-engined dive-bombers, one-third twin-engined dive-bombers and the rest reconnaissance aircraft fitted to carry bombs.

This is a very powerful striking force forming a large proportion of the entire air fleet.

Aircraft equipped for bombing total about 2,600, not including machines comparable to our own Coastal Command, and 300 or 400 first-line army cooperation machines available for short-range tactical bombing.

The army cooperation plane is the Henschel 126, a parasol monoplane resembling our own Westland Lysander army cooperation machine.

### Shallow Reserves

Its top speed is only 220 miles an hour but it has an exceptionally low landing speed.

Most remarkable thing about the German air force is the shallowness of the reserves, numbering only 3,000 serviceable aircraft.

THE POSITION IN GENERAL, THEREFORE, IS HOPEFUL. BRITISH PRODUCTION IS STEADILY MOUNTING AND UNITED STATES AID IS ALSO MOUNTING AT AN INCREASING RATE.

Mr. T. F. Wright, writing in the January number of the American magazine "Aviation," estimates the German total air strength at 35,000 and British at 25,000.

He estimates the totals will be equal by July, excluding Italy, saying present British output is 1,650 a month and German monthly output 2,000.

### Impressive Curves

United States monthly output he places at 750, increasing to 1,600 in July.

MOST IMPRESSIVE ARE CURVES SHOWING OUTPUT. THE AXIS CURVE IS TAILING OFF BUT THE UNITED STATES CURVE IS SWEEPING UP, EXCEEDING AXIS OUTPUT BY THE END OF THE PRESENT YEAR, AND THEREAFTER FAR EXCEEDING THE BEST POSSIBLE AXIS EFFORT.—REUTER.

### CHINA BRITONS SUBSCRIBE

A gift of £10,000 for the purchase of aircraft from the British community in China is acknowledged with gratitude by the Minister of Aircraft Production. This makes the British community's total £112,000.—Reuter.

## ITALIAN ATTACK SMASHED

The Greeks have smashed a counter-attack in the central sector of the Albanian battlefield. The action was described on a broadcast on the Athens Radio last night.

Many Italian dead and wounded were left on the field and in the same sector two Italian tanks were severely damaged and forced to turn tail.

At several points, said the announcer, Greek patrols scored successes while a continuous bombardment of Italian positions was doing heavy damage.

Meanwhile, the lull in big scale offensive operations—owing to persistent bad weather—is being used by the Italians for improvement of their defences.

An attempted enemy air raid was foiled by anti-aircraft batteries which brought down two bombers and hit two others.

The Greek Air Force carried out several successful raids causing considerable damage to Italian positions and concentrations.—Reuter.

## N. ZEALAND DEFENCE

NEW ZEALAND'S DEFENCE PREPARATIONS ARE BEING PUSHED FORWARD ACTIVELY.

Mr. Semple, Dominion Minister for National Service, stated yesterday that all single men aged 19 and those from 41 to 45 inclusive are to be called up for territorial service.

Single men between the ages of 21 and 40 are all to be reserved for overseas service.

The strength of the Territorials, he explained, is being built up from men ineligible for overseas service or not becoming liable for a considerable time. This will ensure having an adequately trained force within the Dominion.—Reuter.



Mrs. Harold Nicolson (Victoria Sackville West, the well known novelist) has lent her 15th. century Kent home "Long Barn" to the "Save the Children Fund" for the purpose of housing bombed-out children. Photo shows a delightful study as some of the toddlers kneel down to a meal at Long Barn. (Copyright, Fox).

## BRITAIN FIRM WITH BULGARIA

THE BRITISH MINISTER, Mr. George Rendel, made a strong protest to the Bulgarian Premier, M. Filoff, yesterday against the arrest of a number of Bulgarian journalists who include at least one correspondent of a British newspaper. As a result the arrested men were released.

Strong action by the British Minister has also secured the release of his butler, who had been mobilised without warning in the early hours of yesterday morning.

The butler was allowed to return to his post later in the day.

The British Minister also discussed with M. Filoff the extent of Bulgaria's mobilisation which, in the British Minister's view, is entirely unjustifiable under present circumstances.

All telephone lines from Sofia to foreign countries are at present down.

### Deep Interest

It was learned later that the arrested journalists included the correspondent of "Time" and the other two men also had British or American connections.

The cautionary statement by the British Minister on Thursday has aroused very deep interest in Sofia, although Mr. Rendel's words have not yet been published in Bulgarian newspapers.

A report that in his statement the British Minister said the breaking off of relations with Bulgaria was very near, is unfounded.—Reuter.

## EIREANN CURRENCY MEASURES

Banknotes and currency notes henceforth must not be sent out of Eire. This is a major provision of currency restrictions announced by the Eirean Finance Minister yesterday.

Thus neither English nor Scottish nor Ulster banknotes may be used by Eire citizens for payments to persons in Great Britain. Apart from this prohibition, payments to persons in Great Britain continue unrestricted.

Withdrawals from savings or other bank accounts in any country except the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and a few others, are forbidden without the permission of the Eirean authorities. Commenting on the move, City

circles in London last night pointed out they are obviously intended for conservation of Eire's foreign currency resources, and resemble the restrictions imposed by the United Kingdom Government in the early stages of the war.—Reuter.



# VIGOROUS BRITISH ADVANCE

## Contact Made With Enemy Forces North Of Keren

### S. Africans' Success In Jelib Action

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent with the South African Forces in Italian Somaliland)

**IT WAS SOUTH AFRICAN ARMoured CARS AND INFANTRY OF A NATAL REGIMENT WHO SWEEPED INTO JELIB, CAPTURING IT FROM THE ITALIANS.**

The men from Natal began the assault before dawn and armoured cars supporting the infantry replied to the enemy's fire with streams of bullets. Soon the Italians streamed out to surrender.

The Natal infantry advanced into the smoking ruins of the town, which had previously been bombarded by our artillery from the north.

In the town they added to the large tally of Italian prisoners some Italian marine gunners. Gold Coast troops, taking an outlying defence point with the bayonet, crossed the Juba River on a pontoon bridge and fought their way down to within a few miles of Jelib, where they were held up by a minefield.

#### Large Booty

This cleared, they entered Jelib five hours after the South Africans.

Large quantities of arms and ammunition were captured. Gold Coast troops securing 1,260 rifles, 10 guns of various sizes, 31 machine-guns and 17 lorries containing shells and "Molotov cocktails."

After the action, the officer commanding told me: "They were all marvellous. There is no choosing between them."

#### North Of Keren

As a result of its vigorous advance the British northern force is now in contact with enemy troops holding covering positions north of Keren, in Eritrea, stated a communique from British G.H.Q. in Cairo yesterday.

By local activity we have improved our positions west of the town.

In the face of increasing patriotic pressure the Italian evacuation of military posts in the Gojjam region of Abyssinia continues.

Operations in all sectors of Italian Somaliland are developing successfully.

MEANWHILE THE MILITARY SPOKESMAN IN CAIRO STATED YESTERDAY THAT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT BERLIN CLAIMS THAT GERMAN TROOPS ARE OPERATING IN LIBYA.

A force believed to be German was driven back west of Aghella but this was in the nature of a patrol operating forward of a stretch of 800 miles of waterless desert. The main force undoubtedly lies in western Libya.—Reuter.

### A LABOUR VICTORY

THE LABOUR CANDIDATE, MR. ADAM MCKINLAY, POLLING 21,900 VOTES, DEFEATED THE COMMUNIST, MR. MACCOLM MACLEWEN, IN A BY-ELECTION AT DUMBARTON YESTERDAY.

The election was caused by the appointment of the sitting Labour member, Mr. Tom Cassells, as Sheriff at Fort William. Mr. MacLewen polled 3,802 votes.—Reuter.

### BELGIAN TROOPS IN THE SUDAN

The first contingents of Belgian colonial troops drafted to the Sudan have been there some days, it was learned in London yesterday. They are "somewhere in the Sudan."

Before their departure the Commander-in-Chief, Congo, told them Belgium placed confidence and hope in them.—Reuter.

### TURKS FAITHFUL TO ALLIANCE

THE ENTIRE TURKISH morning press yesterday had leading articles on the visit of Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, and General Sir John Dill, Chief of Imperial General Staff.

The newspapers stress Anglo-Turkish friendship and Turkey's determination to be faithful to her undertakings.

The "Tasvir-i Kar" saying that common interests are at stake, adds: "Mr. Eden directed Britain's foreign policy during Italy's aggression in Abyssinia and events proved his clear-sightedness."

The "Son-Posta," an independent daily, says that while the Anglo-Turkish Alliance is purely pacific, Turkey will never tolerate any aggression in the security zone or any plot against her life.

The "Yen Sabah" writes: "The great Atatürk, with genial foresight, re-established Anglo-Turkish friendship, the principle of which acquired the happiest form by the signature at Ankara of a Mutual Assistance Pact in 1939 and culminated in the alliance which became the common property of the British and Turkish nations."—Reuter.

### HIS WEIGHT IN DIAMONDS

THE AGA KHAN, LEADER OF ISMAILI MOHAMMEDANS IN INDIA, EAST AFRICA AND CENTRAL ASIA, WILL RECEIVE AS A GIFT HIS WEIGHT IN DIAMONDS, IF A CAMPAIGN STARTED BY HIS FOLLOWERS IN KARACHI PROVINCE IS SUCCESSFUL.

The diamonds, which it is estimated here would be worth \$25-300,000, would be presented to the Aga Khan in 1945 on the diamond jubilee of his accession to the Moslem spiritual leadership.

His followers contributed twice his weight in gold on his golden jubilee in 1935.

### EXPULSED BY THE NAZIS

Three American Embassy staff members whose recall from Paris had been demanded by the German Government on charges they aided a British officer to escape the occupied zone, returned to the United States but declined to discuss the event.

"I'm sorry, but I can't talk," said Mrs. Elizabeth R. Deegan, former Embassy receptionist, who had been held by the Germans for a week in Paris. She was taken in custody on Dec. 5.

With Cecil M. P. Cross, First Secretary, and Leigh Hunt, Embassy trade attaché, Mrs. Deegan arrived aboard the Atlantic Clipper from Lisbon, Portugal.

Mr. Cross declined to discuss the European situation because "things are so complicated," and added, "I might say the wrong thing and you might misinterpret it, or you might make an error and then I'd be in bad."

Asked whether Mrs. Deegan was "held by the Nazis or wasn't she?" Mr. Cross smiled, and replied, "I understand your State Department said so and they are usually accurate." He said the food situation in France was "bad," but that he was "not at liberty" to discuss it.

### SMALLER U-BOATS FOR THE SPRING

(By Reuter's Naval Correspondent)

FOR THE ATTEMPT to blockade Britain, which Hitler has promised for the Spring, he has been building much smaller U-boats than hitherto.

Smaller submarines can be built in a shorter time and require less material and, perhaps most important, smaller crews are required.

The training of submarine crews is a lengthy business, and it is more than likely that Hitler has not yet got enough crews for all his U-boats.

A drawback of the smaller submarine is that its operating radius is reduced. But, as the Germans have so many French ports to use as bases, this has less importance from the German viewpoint.

Smaller submarines, however, will not be more difficult to locate by the British Navy than hitherto.

Italian submarines are believed to be operating with the Germans in the Atlantic.—Reuter.

### CHURCHES DAMAGED IN MALTA

Two churches and a convent were damaged and more than 200 persons rendered homeless in yesterday's air raid on Malta.

Accommodation for them was immediately found in the Sacristy Church.

The official communique states that in the early morning an unidentified enemy aircraft dropped a number of bombs. There were some casualties and considerable damage was done to property.

One enemy aircraft is believed to have been seriously damaged and unlikely to have reached home.

Following the recent indiscriminate bombing of Malta, slogans reading "Bomb Rome" have appeared on walls of ruined buildings in Malta.—Reuter.

### CRIPPS IN ANKARA

SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS ARRIVED IN ANKARA YESTERDAY MORNING FOR HIS CONSULTATION WITH MR. ANTHONY EDEN, SAYS ANKARA RADIO.

Sir Stafford was accompanied by his private secretary and his military attaché.—Reuter.



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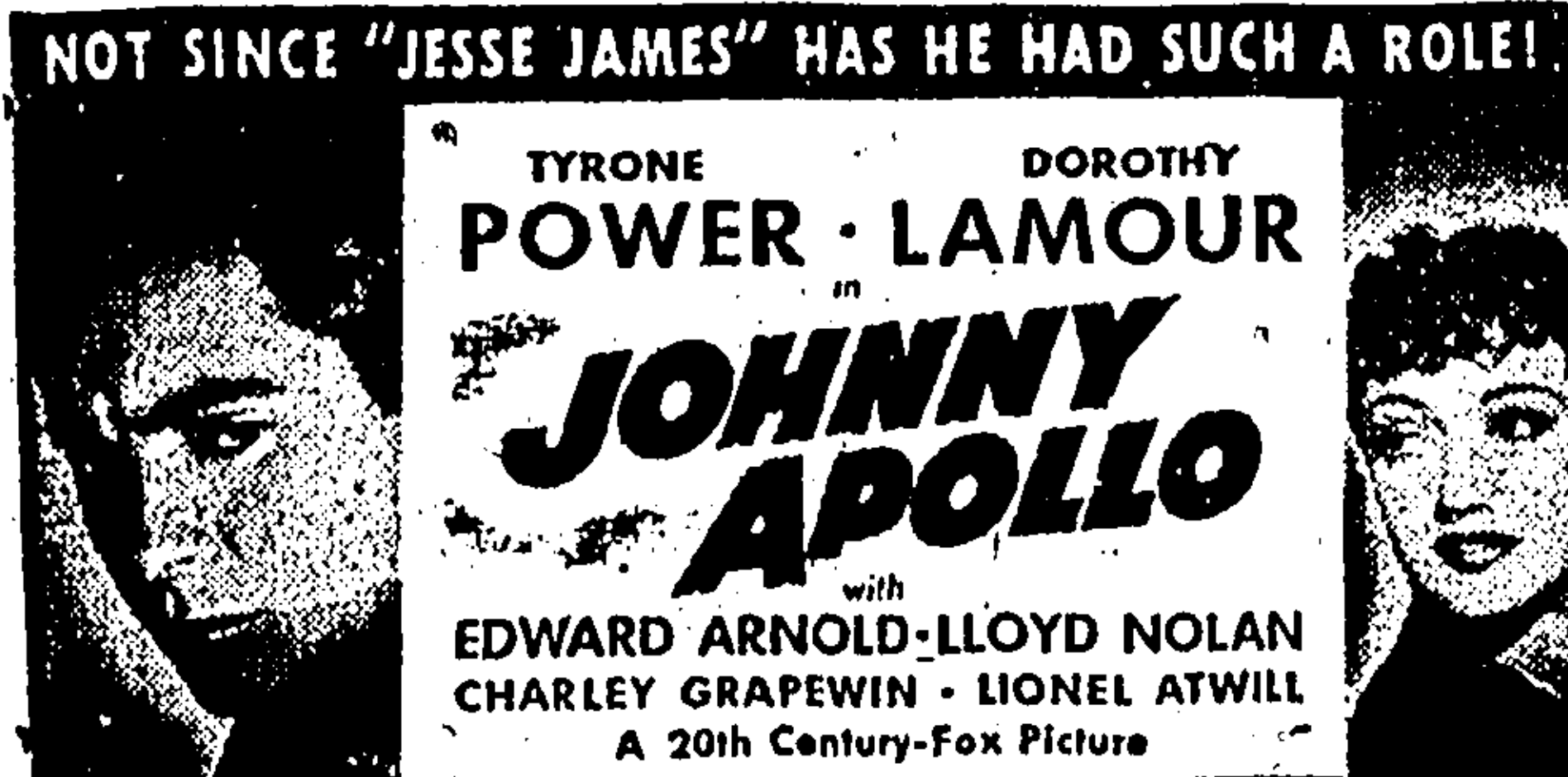
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# BRITAIN'S HEALTH STANDS UP UNDER THE BLITZKRIEG

(By Reuter's Lobby Correspondent)

THE BRITISH CIVILIAN front has stood up to Hitler's aerial blitzkrieg remarkably well in more ways than one. Not only has national morale remained unaffected by Nazi frightfulness but national health has remained unimpaired.

Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Health, yesterday told me: "In general Britain's health is not only better than this time last year, but even better than during the last two winters of peace.

"There have been no cases of epidemics, a negligible number of bomb shock cases and children have been little affected. Influenza deaths in London and big towns totalled 778 in the first six weeks of this year compared with 1,827 in the same period last year and 1,309 in 1939.

"There have only been two cases of typhoid or paratyphoid. Last year, there were five. The only disease of a serious character which has increased is cerebrospinal fever which always rises in wartime. The death-rate, however, has been greatly reduced by new methods of drug treatment.

"From all causes there have been in London and big towns, 10,000 fewer deaths in the first six weeks of this year than in the same period last year, even including in the total all deaths due to air raids. The figures are 43,591, this year and 53,887 last year."

### Health In Shelters

The Minister also pointed out that prevention of infectious disease in public shelters has been very successful.

In almost every big shelter in London, there is now a "miniature hospital" and some shelters have a resident or full-time doctor. Over 200 doctors pay night visits and nearly 300 more are available if called.

The transfer of nearly 1,000,000 mothers and children from London and big cities has also been a complex question which has been carried out with considerable success.—Reuter.

### N.E.I. BUY MORE SPITFIRES

The Dutch East Indies Spitfire Fund yesterday remitted a further £10,000 for two more Spitfires.

The Dutch East Indies so far have contributed 31 Spitfires and one bomber to the Allied war effort.—Reuter.

## RUMANIAN FARCE ON NAZI LINES

The Rumanian plebiscite which, it is reported, is being held on Sunday by General Antonescu, the Premier, on Nazi "yes" or "no" lines, was described by a Free Rumanian National Committee spokesman in London yesterday as a "farce."

One can easily imagine, he added, the conditions under which the plebiscite is forced on the Rumanian nation under a double dictatorship and terror regime—that of Antonescu and the German troops.

The spokesman recalled the British Ambassador's statement after leaving Bucharest, when the latter said that 80 per cent of Rumanians are pro-British and opposed to German collaboration.

The Free Rumanian National Committee is headed by V. V. Tila, former Rumanian Ambassador in London.—Reuter.

## U.S. AS LARDER FOR STEEL

Ample facilities for steel production exist in the United States to meet all requirements of America and of the other Democracies.

This is according to a Report by the Office of Production Management which President Roosevelt quoted at his press conference yesterday.

President Roosevelt said the Report showed that American facilities were sufficient for all domestic needs, both civilian and defence, and also to meet the want of "those nations trying to uphold Democracy."

The report was "exceedingly encouraging," added the President.—Reuter.

## INDIAN LIBERAL'S VIEWS

Chandra Varkar, Indian Liberal leader, told a public meeting that India had no future without a British victory.

Repeating the demand that a British goodwill mission to India be appointed, he remarked that a solution of the dispute between India and Britain was conditioned on precedent to a Hindustan-Mohammedan solution.

## AUSNIT PROPERTY SEIZED

THE PROPERTY OF MAX AUSNIT, RUMANIA'S STEEL KING, WHO IS NOW IN PRISON IN BUCHAREST, HAS BEEN CONFISCATED BY THE RUMANIAN AUTHORITIES. STATES A BUCHAREST TELEGRAM TO THE OFFICIAL ITALIAN AGENCY.

Arrested in November, 1939, on charges of fraud and infringement of the currency laws, Ausnit was sentenced to six years penal servitude, four years banishment and a fine of 10,000 lei.—Reuter.

### MOURNING FOR ALFONSO

The Spanish Government is declaring three days national mourning, starting to-day, for the late ex-King Alfonso.—Reuter.

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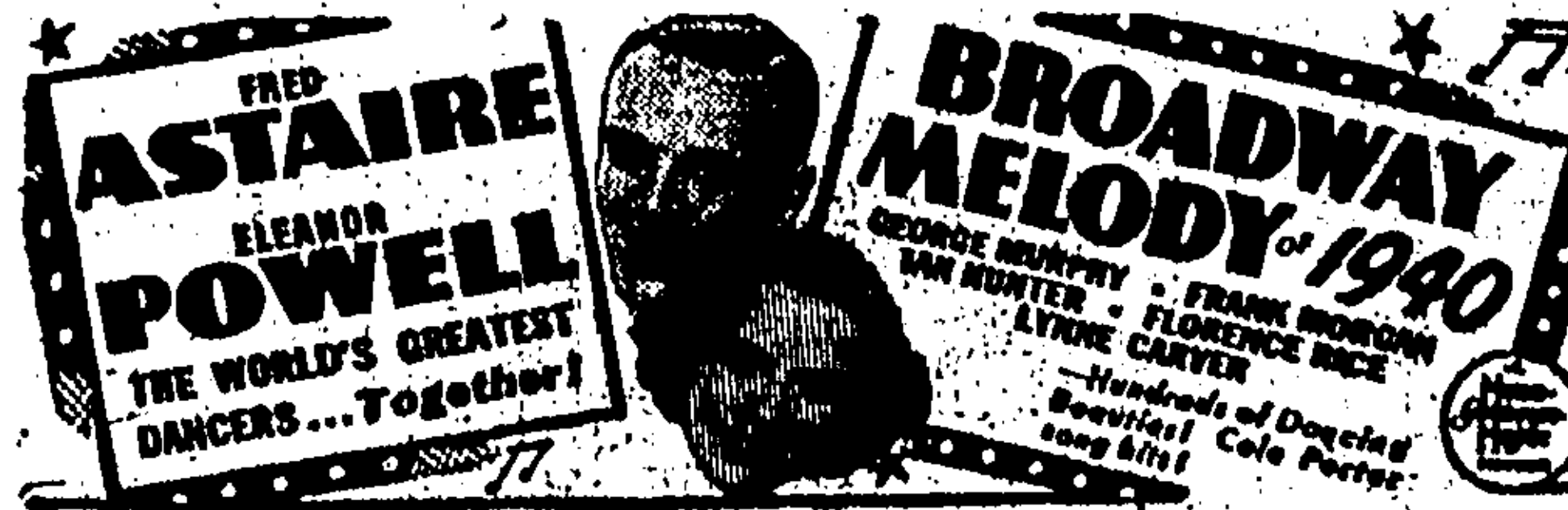
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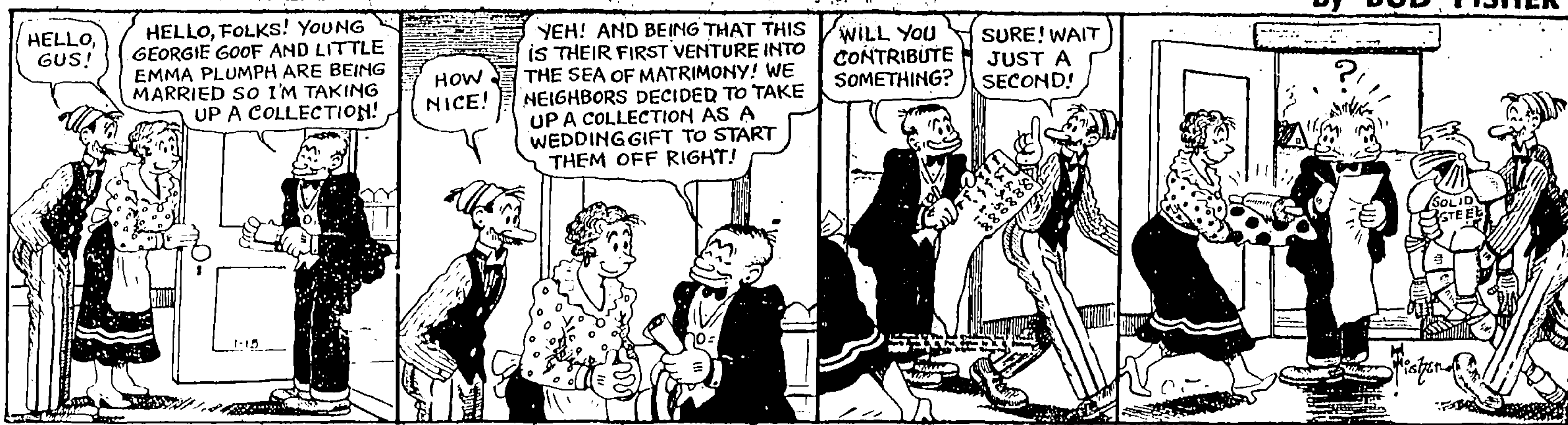
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## "MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY"



## MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



## BRIDE GIVES UP GIFTS TO BEAT ITALY

(By A Correspondent)

WHILE THEIR MEN batter the retreating Italians amid the snows of Albania, the women of Greece work at home — sometimes in jobs of responsibility and peril — to defeat the menace of Fascism.

At the front I was able to confirm tales of heroism among peasant women who, before the Greek mobilisation was complete, fought by the side of the men, hauling artillery to mountain tops and carrying ammunition through Italian fire.

Everywhere in my journey through Greece I saw women working in fields, on roads and in the villages taking over men's jobs.

## She's Strong-Jawed

In Athens I watched from the earliest days of the air raids blue-uniformed girls of the youth movement share responsibility for maintaining public order and discipline.

The average Greek girl is slim, dark, strong-jawed, with brown eyes and a temperament in which gaiety and piety are mixed.

In one village every girl and woman had given up her marriage and engagement ring for the cause, substituting a tin ring stamped with the date of the outbreak of war.

A bride offered all her presents to be sold to provide blankets for the troops.

This spirit prevails also in Athens, where women are knitting or doing first-aid work.

Theatre artists are giving shows in hospitals.

To-day in the bedlagged wartime market I watched police control queues waiting their turn for meat and the much-prized small fish, marintha. But generally there is an abundance of food, particularly fruit vegetables snails, cheese and fish.

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## MR. GANDHI AND THE WAR

"The Times" India correspondent, commenting on the Congress Party policy, says many quarters have argued that the present campaign of civil disobedience is merely another deviation to squeeze political concessions.

Mr. Gandhi says that political demands at the point of civil disobedience would be nothing politically wrong but the Poona resolution has lapsed "and in so far as I am concerned it remains lapsed so long as the war lasts. Civil disobedience would certainly be withdrawn if freedom of speech is genuinely recognised and the status quo restored."

Mr. Gandhi continues: "I believe there can be no settlement with Congress short of complete independence, during the war, for the simple reason that Congress cannot commit itself to active help in the war with men and money. That would mean a reversal of the policy of non-violence which Congress has pursued for 20 years, and independence cannot come through any settlement while war lasts."

"Therefore, so far as I know, Congress will be satisfied with the fullest freedom to grow in non-violence. The Congress demand concerns all persons and parties."

"The Times" says Mr. Gandhi believes that by his campaign he is serving India, Britain and humanity.

It should be noted by those who maintain that Congress would help the war effort if its conditions are fulfilled that Mr. Gandhi is determined that Congress shall do no such thing.

## ITALIANS GIVEN NO RESPITE

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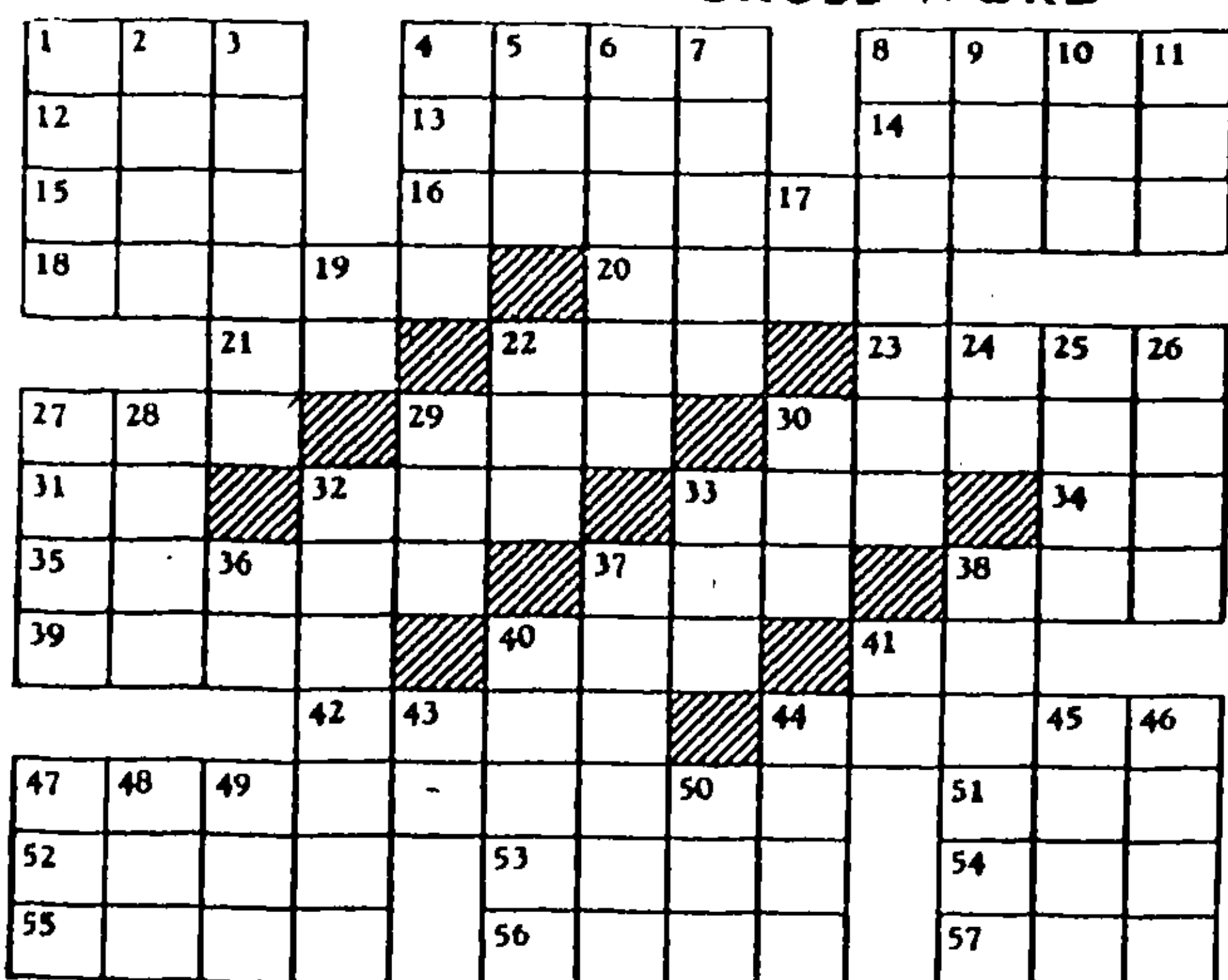
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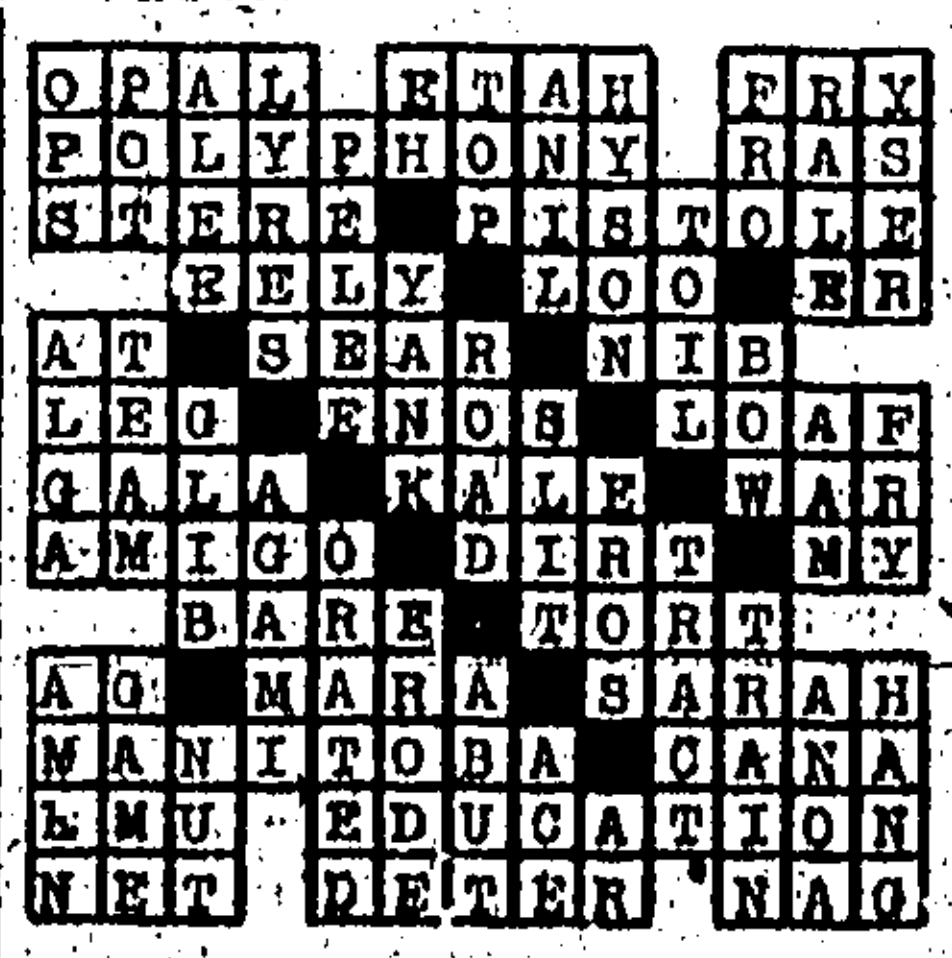
## HORIZONTAL

- 1 Dance step
- 4 South American rodent
- 8 Money paid down
- 12 Tree of the olive family
- 13 Exclamation of sorrow
- 14 Curved molding
- 15 Meadow
- 16 Stinginess
- 18 Himalayan carnivore
- 20 To grate
- 21 Toward
- 22 Coquettish
- 23 Sea in Russian Turkistan
- 27 Askew
- 29 However
- 30 To shoot from cover
- 31 Butterfly
- 32 To protrude
- 33 Chief of the Janizaries
- 34 Printer's measure
- 35 Scent
- 37 Fish eggs
- 38 Chopping tool
- 39 South American country
- 40 Insect

## VERTICAL

- 1 Insect's feeler
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- 5 Wing
- 6 Vegetable
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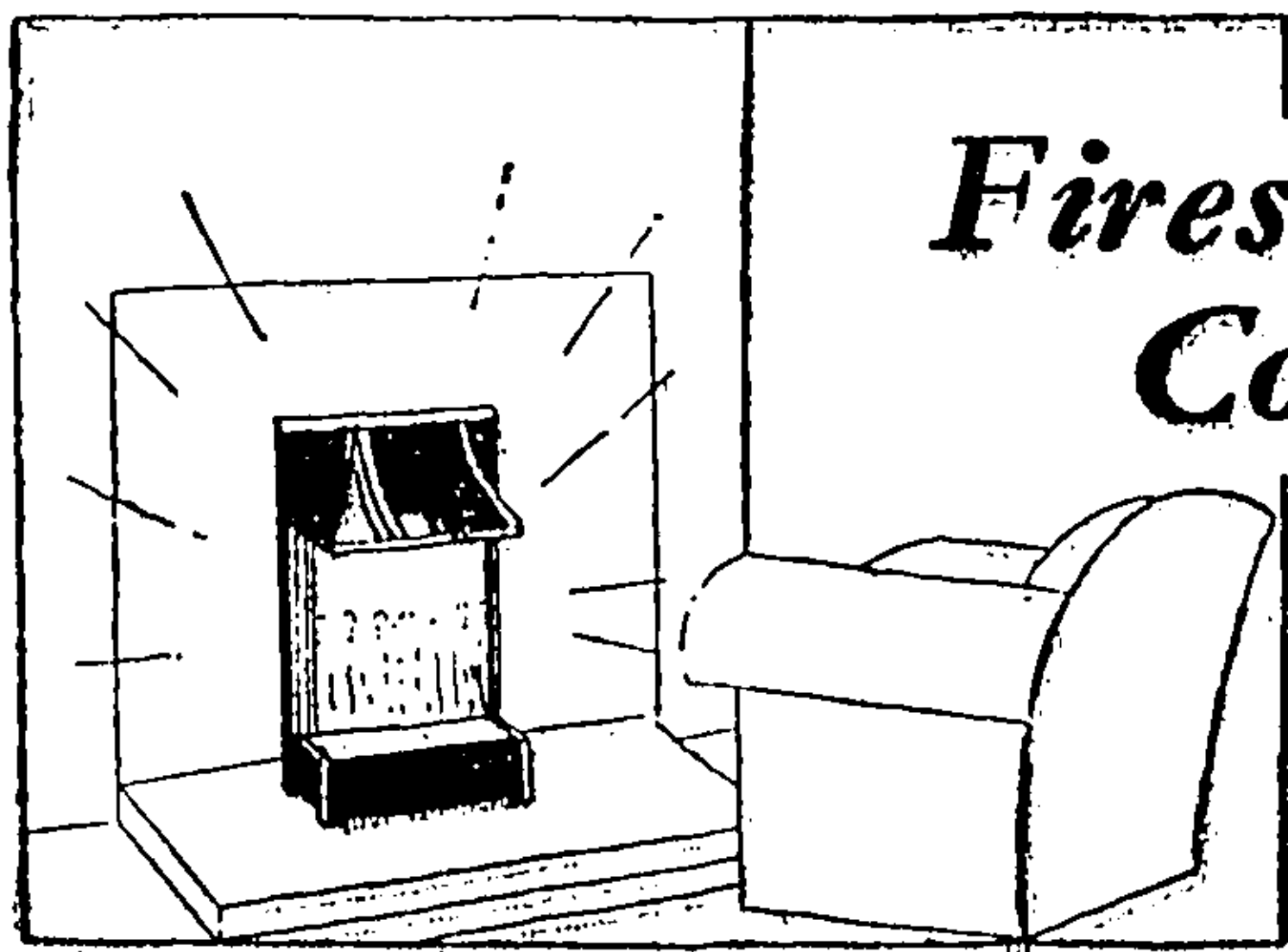
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# U.S. APPEAL FOR UNITY IN DEFENCE

**WARNING AGAINST the "appeasers' concept" in American foreign relations policy, and declaring that a nation has only two courses open in achieving an effective system of National Defence, Dr. Henry F. Grady, President of the American President Lines, made a strong plea before the San Francisco Advertising Club for "voluntary cooperation among all our people in order to prepare the United States for any emergency that may arise." His subject was "National Unity in National Defence."**

Explaining that a nation aspiring to a high decree of preparedness must choose between the iron will of a dictator and the freely-given cooperation of a people governed by the standards of true democracy, Dr. Grady continued:

"Dictators have a great contempt for democracies, because in their opinion democracies dissipate their energies in talk and parliamentary wrangling rather than in action. The conclusion is clearly wrong, however, as history has proved on more than one occasion. In the final analysis the democratic way is the best way."

The speaker cited the case of Great Britain in the present war as an example.

"Once a democracy is thoroughly aroused and organised, it functions much more effectively, and its morale is better, than a nation forced to perform at bayonet point. Great Britain is a splendid example of this. Unprepared when war broke out, Britain now has achieved solid national unity, and with it a morale that has won the admiration of the whole world. Even her enemies must respect the spirit of the British people. This magnificent spirit with its attendant co-ordination of the Empire's defence forces was achieved, not by compulsion, but by the will of a free people united in a high common purpose."

## Scotching An Idea

"When this war is over," continued Dr. Grady, "I think the idea will be forever scotched that you can get efficiency only through compulsory regimentation."

Speaking of the United States and its programme of National Defence Dr. Grady said "Time is of the essence."

He declared that because the Finns performed so heroically, and the Greeks gave such a brilliant account of themselves against the Italians; and because the British are making such extraordinary gains in North Africa and the Mediterranean, many of us are inclined to sit back complacently and say "everything is being taken care of."

He said that in his opinion the trend (of the war) is already indicated "toward victory for the democracies," but, he added significantly, "we don't dare take this conclusion for granted." If victory does come, he concluded on this point, "it will not be an easy victory."

## American Stake

"America has a definite stake in this conflict," the speaker continued, "and the victory is so important to us that we should be willing to help assure it at whatever sacrifices seem necessary. We can take care of the costs later. I don't mean by that that we should ignore the costs; but the situation may be likened to a conflagration threatening the destruction of a community. The important thing is to avert disaster, regardless of the expense; then work out the problem of costs later."

Dr. Grady pointed out that great strides have already been made in the American National Defence Programme. He cited in particular the condition of the Merchant Marine and the fact that every available shipyard in America to-day is working to capacity on additional merchant liners to insure the supply of essential raw materials from abroad. Moreover, these vessels will all be available if needed as naval auxiliary shipyards, also

are turning out additional new tonnage for the Navy direct.

## Ready For Emergency

He said that "we are fortunate indeed that a far-sighted Administration saw the necessity for this new-ships programme as long ago as 1936, with the result that when the emergency arrived we had a great deal of vital National Defence work already accomplished."

"Under the splendid direction of the United States Maritime Commission," Dr. Grady continued, "we are not only building a large fleet of fast, modern liners and tankers that will compare favourably with those of any other nation, but we are maintaining a well co-ordinated and closely supervised operation of American merchant ships with the view of National Defence needs constantly in mind."

"When I was in Washington last week I conferred with President Roosevelt on matters pertaining to our merchant shipping and I was delighted to find that he fully appreciates the valuable service these American flag ships are rendering in the programme of Defence. He assured me that these essential trade routes would not be disturbed unless or until there should be a more vital need for the ships elsewhere."

In conclusion, Dr. Grady said America's greatest danger lies in the appeasers' concept of what our foreign policy should be, adding: "We are in a world revolution. This war is different from any that ever afflicted the world before. It is a titanic struggle between two philosophies of government. There is no halfway mark. It is either totalitarianism or democracy. Therefore the hope of the appeaser is futile."

## KING'S WINE FOR RED CROSS

The King and the Duke of Gloucester have promised wine from their own cellars for an auction at Christies in aid of the Red Cross.

A wine sale for the Red Cross in the last war brought £54,000.

## HUN BALES OUT, DIES IN FIRE

Baling out over a city in north-west England, a German airman floated down into a burning building and perished in the flames that German bombs had caused.

His machine, one of three shot down by anti-aircraft guns in a recent raid, fell among the burning wreckage.

Several firemen were killed and others wounded. Yet, though exposed to attack against the glare of blazing buildings, their comrades went on with their job.

## M.M. WAS SURPRISE FOR GIRL

Cpl. Josephine Maude Gwynne Robins, 21, the fourth member of the W.A.A.F. to receive the M.M., was greatly surprised when she learned of her award.

She was spending 48 hours' leave at her home at Faversham, Kent, where she was out shopping.

"I just did what anybody else would have done," she said. "They ought to give it to the whole camp."

It was "courage and coolness of a very high order," when a dug-out in which she was sheltering received a direct hit that gained Cpl. Robins her medal.

The official account stated that there was an intense raid at the time, and a number of men in the dug-out were killed and two seriously injured. Despite dust and fumes, she at once gave first-aid to the wounded, then fetched a stretcher and stayed with them until they were evacuated.

Horses are the main interest of Cpl. Robins. "Before the war I was a riding instructress," she said, "and also helped to break in young horses for Major Faudel-Phillips at Theobalds Park, Waltham Cross. I just love horses."



**SUPERB CASTING** highlights "Down Argentine Way," musical extravaganza in Technicolour currently at the King's Theatre. Top roles in the 20th Century-Fox hit are played by (from left to right) Betty Grable, Don Ameche and Carmen Miranda. Charlotte Greenwood is shown tangoing to Leonid Kinskey's comic music.



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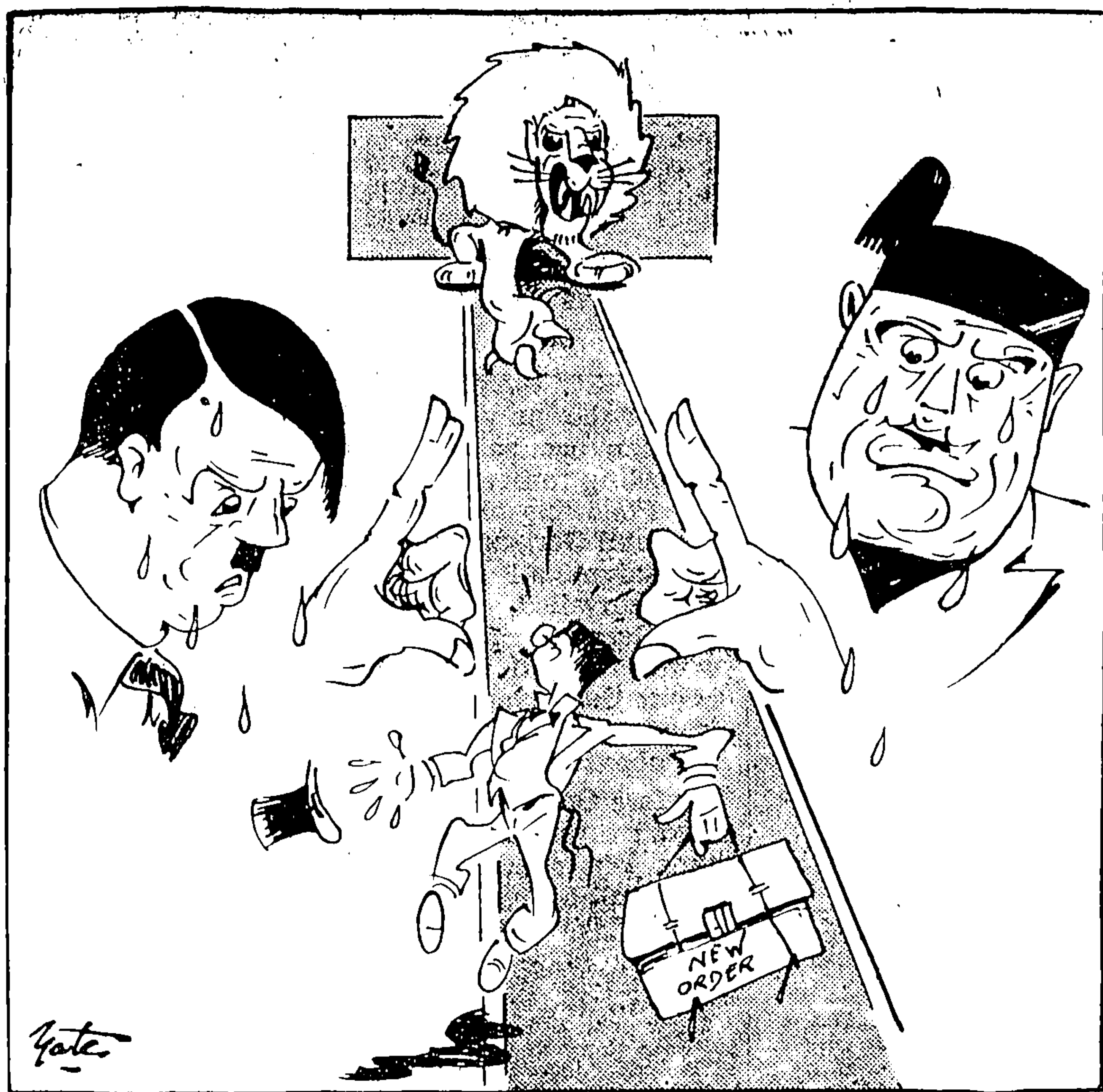
## "BRITISH PESSIMISM"

The quality of the information officially disclosed, or permitted to be disclosed, by the British Government continues to provide matter for controversy. There are two requirements, not easily reconciled. A reputation for strict veracity must be established; it is obvious on the other hand that much less than the whole truth can be told. In practice, it is wise to aim at least at persuading friend and enemy alike that the only trustworthy meaning to be extracted from official utterances is that conveyed by the plain sense of the words, and that ingenious efforts at "reading between the lines" can only deceive the reader. This paradox is not at present being attained.

Some American newspapers, for instance, recently printed a number of articles from their correspondents in London, taking a very gloomy view of British shipping prospects and war production, as affected by the enemy's air attack. The impression is being fostered (not without German assistance) that we are near the end of our resources. They comment fairly but very unfavourably on the air raid communiqués, particularly on the suppression of names of the larger towns bombed. They argue, not unreasonably, that these laborious attempts to conceal the un concealable cast doubt upon all our official pronouncements; and so, looking for what may perhaps be hidden beneath the words of, for instance, British Treasury experts in Washington, they rouse suspicion that the plain statement of an urgent need for American help may misrepresent the facts in one of two opposite ways. Either the situation is very much worse than Britain admits, or we are deliberately exaggerating its gravity in the hope of inducing America to assume a burden that we could well bear ourselves.

If our American friends are capable of so misunderstanding us, our spokesmen must have given them some reason. An enemy, such as the Editor of the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," may reach similar results by merely applying to British statements the correction that the whole world applies as a matter of course to those of Dr. Goebbels. According to this paper, a campaign of pessimism is now being pursued in England; it began with Lord Chatfield's broadcast, and reached its pinnacle with the late Lord Lothian's observations in America. Lord Chatfield, it will be remembered, called on his hearers to face the indubitable truth that the enemy will be able to exert upon our Atlantic shipping in 1941 a threat that it may tax the resources of the Navy to parry. The late Lord Lothian was the first to tell the President of the American people that our great purchases of munitions of war from them have nearly exhausted our available assets in the United States, and that the transfer of the much greater supplies which, for their own sake as much as for ours, they are eager to send us in the future, will raise fresh financial problems for British and American statesmanship to solve. For the Editor of the "D.A.Z." to admit the existence of a challenge to the Navy is clearly the same thing as to surrender to it; and he claims in so many words that the Ambassador's analysis of the financial situation is a confession of Imperial bankruptcy.

These absurd distortions spring from the native incapacity of the Nazi mind to comprehend the way in which public men in free countries regard the disclosure of unpalatable truth. With us it is a fundamental right of the people to hear it, a right limited only in war-time by the necessity of withholding information from the enemy. In Nazi Germany, where the people have no rights, it is something only to be wrung from the Government when visible defeat has made further deception impossible. The comparative morality of the two systems is, no doubt, a matter in which the Nazis are not interested. But even on the lower ground of expediency there is no question: which is in the long run the more profitable way—for all that is who have larger aims in view than the prolongation of their personal tenure of power. The British people have suffered severe setbacks, and confront an uphill fight. But they are satisfied that they know the worst about both, and they have steered themselves accordingly to a resolution that will not flinch.



YOU GO FIRST!

# Ring Of Hatred Round Hitler

By  
Edward Shanks

Let us take a look at the map of Europe as Hitler sees it to-day. We will leave out of account the Atlantic Ocean, where his submarines are doing well enough to disquiet us, and Albania, where the Greeks are doing well enough to disquiet him. His recent activities suggest that he does not believe that in either of these regions will his fate be made or marred.

Somewhere between them he seeks to build the fulcrum which with the lever of German military power will enable him to shift the whole of Europe into the plane of his "new order."

This is a task for which German military power alone will not suffice. The problem has passed into the diplomatic field and, more than that, into the administrative field. France is the test case, and a very conspicuous one.

Perhaps when all this is over we shall be able to cease speaking of the "collapse" of France last June and begin to marvel at the fact that the process of her defeat was arrested just on the hither side of real collapse.

Assuredly the events of the last few weeks go to show that France—dazed, shaken, disarmed as she is—still does not lie quite helpless at the feet of her conqueror.

Hitler, who staged the stupidly vindictive armistice proceedings in the railway carriage at Compiègne, now takes great pains to let the world know that he has received Marshal Petain with all the honour due to a great soldier.

And still he has nothing out of Marshal Petain which can be announced to the world—save an empty, an almost perfunctory, declaration that France will co-operate with Germany in some yet unspecified way in the establishment of an as yet unformulated "new order."

The position is that France has still some counters left with which to bargain. She has not yet parted with her ships, nor has she left most of them where they can be very easily seized.

It would still be possible for the Vichy Government, provided it acted boldly, swiftly, and secretly, to transfer itself to North Africa, where General Weyland is, so to speak, keeping a place warm for it.

Hitler is in a position where he dare not press France too far, and it hampers the whole scheme of his diplomacy. It puts him, for example, into a very difficult position with regard to Italy.

Unfortunately for himself and his partner, Mussolini allowed the slogan of "Nice, Corsica, Tunis, Djibuti" to be shouted too loud and too often for it now to be forgotten.

It leaves Hitler in a dilemma. If he announces his acceptance of this comprehensive scheme of annexation, France may well revolt. If he woos France to his side by

publicly assuring her that she shall not greatly suffer, then Mussolini's subjects will want to know why they are to be given so little of what they are promised.

France, I have said, is the leading case, and a very conspicuous one. But we can proceed from it to the others. On the face of it France was left helpless under her conqueror's foot. It was worse than in 1870. Then she was in the war alone, and it depended on her alone whether she should surrender or not. But now she had an ally to consider, the same ally with whose help she had fought through to victory in 1918.

We can measure her extremity by the fact that she felt herself obliged to go back from her pledged word not in any circumstances to make a separate peace. Here we do not any longer blame her. We understand that her own sense of helplessness must have been profound before such a thing could have happened.

But how is it that, since she was so helpless only a few months ago, she is now able to derange Hitler's diplomatic scheme? The question to be asked and answered is why Hitler left some measure of independence, some potential freedom of manoeuvre, to the eighth of the independent States which he struck down with his military strength.

I suggest that it was because his power to assimilate what he had conquered had now come to full flood and was due for the ebb. There must have been some reason why he did not put at once and for all out of her power to interfere with his scheme by occupying her completely and remaining in occupation until the whole scheme was completed.

Part of the reason, I have no doubt, was that he desired to avoid obvious responsibility for the

feeding of the population of unoccupied France, swollen as it was at the time of the armistice by millions of refugees from the areas in which the fighting had taken place.

It needs little calculation to see that a Government purporting to be that of independent France, anxious to be known as that of independent France, would take a load of administrative detail off his shoulders and stand between him and much damaging criticism.

But the main reason, in my view, was that he lacked the means of imposing his rule on yet another subject people.

We know that up to now wherever Hitler's shadow had fallen the Gestapo has marched in. This disgusting organisation did marvellously efficient work (from Hitler's disgusting point of view) in Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Poland—and, of course, before any of these in Germany.

It is without doubt the most brilliantly efficient system of political police known in history, for which reason we should pay our respects to its disgusting organiser, Heinrich Himmler, even as we put him on the drop.

It is founded on the Russian OGPU, but it has improved on the lessons taught by that institution, and it is organised and run with German thoroughness instead of Russian slackness.

But though the point seems not to have been very much noticed, this very efficiency set a limit to the power of the Gestapo. Secret police work is not the sort of industry suitable for a large-scale dilution of labour.

First you must get the right man—and they do not grow on every bush. Then you must give him an elaborate training; mere brutality of nature is by no means enough.

Now there is a rapidly growing accumulation of evidence that the tasks imposed on the Gestapo are straining its resources to and beyond the limit. It has not been as effective in Norway, Denmark, Holland, and Belgium as it was in Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Poland.

It is quite probable that it refused to undertake the responsibility of administering the whole of France. And it is to be observed that an ineffective secret police can be worse than none because its activities multiply the very resentments which it ought to suppress.

There is ample evidence that this is happening. The tide of un-

## Ahead On Points

Rightly or wrongly opinion in Britain believes that the war is entering on its final stage. That does not mean that there is a wave of optimism chasing away the December mists. On the contrary, it is a deep, significant if rather tardy wave of intense realism.

It is rather like a prize fight in which a boxer who is behind on points knows that he can only win by a knock-out. Contrary to the popular impression the British believe that it is they and not Hitler who are ahead on points and that if he does not secure the knock-out the verdict will be theirs.

Hitler's Italian gamble has gone wrong. That is evidenced not only in the sweeping victory of the Greeks and the smashing of the Italian Navy by the British Fleet

By Beverley Baxter,  
M.P.

but by the frantic efforts of Hitler to persuade Laval to bring France into the Axis as a substitute for Italy.

Towards the East Hitler is held up by the firm attitude of Bulgaria, Turkey and Yugo-Slavia, strengthened by the heroic stand of the Greeks. Then there is of course Joe Stalin whose grin, like the Cheshire Cat, remains when all else disappears.

And even more than that is the coming oil shortage in Germany, especially lubricating oil. Certainly Hitler has won victories, more victories and still more victories—but not victory. There is a world of difference in the two.

Therefore, the British believe Hitler must stake everything on one final coup, the defeat of Britain herself.

Heavy guns are mounted on the French coast. Each night the Luftwaffe attacks in force some provincial centre in the British Isles. The German submarines are taking reckless risks to sink British shipping while their Air Force harasses the incoming convoys.

Robbed of Eire as a strategic base the British are at a sharp disadvantage in the matter of air patrol and anti-submarine warfare.

That is why the people of these Islands are entering the last round with a determination to endure anything and everything to hit back harder and harder until the gong goes and Hitler is stretched on the canvas.

No one thinks the fight is going to be easy or that it will not leave cruel scars. Germany may be a frustrated giant but she is still a giant.

The new cult of realism also takes in the important, perhaps the all important factor of American assistance. The British do not ask for the life of a single American soldier. In spite of Mr. Joe Kennedy's fears we do not want his sons to die on a foreign field or in a foreign sky.

But Britain must have more planes and war material. She must have credits and above all she must have American ships. It is for Washington to determine the length of the war and whether Britain will be the victor or merely one of the two exhausted combatants at the end. With full American help there can only be one decision.

That is one more reason why Hitler is getting ready for a showdown with almost a fury of impatience. The British wait in their corner breathing normally and not even sweating but they know that the enemy will hit hard when the bell goes.

happiness in Hitler-dominated Europe is rising. The subject peoples have discovered that they have gained nothing by submission. That they have been spared nothing of what they dread. From this it is a short step to the realisation that they will lose nothing by turning against their masters, and they are already beginning to do it.

From all the way down the coasts of the Atlantic and the North Sea, from Narvik to Biarritz, come stories of resistance varying from stubborn disregard of German orders to acts of daring and dangerous sabotage.

Hitler has surrounded himself and his country with a ring of hatred far more deadly than the "encirclement" he professed to dread.

The Gestapo cannot eradicate that hatred or make it harmless, and when the time comes it will express itself in a terrible vengeance.



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# GERMANS SHOT IN RIOTS IN PARIS

A NEW WAVE of rioting, far more violent than any of the previous incidents which followed the German occupation, is sweeping through France, according to news reaching New York.

Following bloody clashes between French civilians and German sailors and soldiers in the Avenue Montaigne, all leave for Nazi troops in Paris has been curtailed.

German sailors and soldiers in the avenue, which runs off the Champs Elysees, were arguing about the invasion of England and how long the war would last when a group of young Frenchmen set about them.

Before German patrols arrived three of the Germans lay dead on the pavement.

The French were armed and shots they fired as they made off towards the River Seine shattered a number of windows in the Avenue Montaigne.

A few days ago the Germans put up a new lot of posters in Paris bearing in vivid colours the representation of a ruined French town, photographs of a French soldier with his starving family, and looming in the background, the figure of a British Tommy. Beneath were the words, "The English have done this."

### Removing The Bodies

Within 24 hours almost all the posters had been torn so that only the figure of the British Tommy remained, with no words and no ruins beneath.

Hitler, due to make a further visit to Paris, had had suites for 18 of his private guests booked at leading Paris hotels, but this was cancelled after the rioting.

The German authorities have now developed a special organisation to ensure that bodies are removed from the streets as rapidly as possible.

## SAID SHE WAS DEAD

A girl whose love of finery led her into theft was stated to have phoned her solicitor employers that she had died suddenly.

The girl — Margaret Lillian Elstone, aged twenty-three, of Upper Park Road, Hampstead — admitted stealing a registered envelope containing £14 from Rubinstein Nash and Co., of Gray's Inn, who had employed her as a 'phone switchboard operator.

She appeared at Clerkenwell Police Court, where she pleaded guilty, also to a charge of obtaining £3 by means of a forged Post Office Savings Bank deposit book.

Detective-Sergeant Wyatt said the girl had been employed by the solicitors since 1936. Recently she began telling falsehoods.

In March she got time off by saying her father had died. In July she said she had been married. The solicitors gave her a wedding present of £3.

She absconded and obtained employment in a N.A.A.F.I. canteen. Her mother was dead, she stated, and she was looking after her father.

## AMERICAN BANKS' DECISION

The "China Mail" is authoritatively informed that, contrary to earlier reports to the effect that American banks in Hong Kong are closing all gold dollar accounts from April 1, the American banks in Hong Kong and China are only revising their methods of carrying foreign currency accounts.

Such accounts will be accepted only on special terms from April 1.

No cheque accounts will be maintained in foreign currencies, and saving accounts, where continued, will be subject to a service charge of ½% per annum on the maximum monthly balances, with a minimum of US\$1, or its equivalent, per month.

## HUSH! MEN SEW TINY GARMENTS

Told of the existence of a mysterious society whose members met secretly, each wearing in his buttonhole a peculiar symbol, New York authorities investigated.

They discovered that the organisation consisted of wealthy American businessmen; that the "peculiar symbol" was a napkin pin, and that at their secret sessions the members sat around sewing baby clothes!

The Royal Society of Master Metaphysicians — that's what they called themselves.

And the group sewing layettes for expectant mothers was known as "The Storks."

"We are men who want to play fairy godfather to needy women expecting babies," explained their leader, James Schafer, who said each paid a £25 fee for his symbolic napkin pin.

The group has various offices with fancy titles such as Chief Stork, Secretary Stork, Photographer Stork, and Stork Historian.

The members are said to have "a sincere interest and sympathy in motherhood, and to find relaxation from life's humdrum toll in making layettes."

It was this eccentric society that caused a sensation by giving a home in a huge mansion to

## 6 'PLANES IN 15 MINUTES

A young flying officer of the R.A.F., piloting an eight-gun fighter aircraft, has set up a record in the Western Desert which will be hard to beat.

In a quarter of an hour he shot down six Italian CR42s.

The following day he narrowly missed being blown up by a land mine while travelling in a truck.

Here is his account of his amazing fight: "I was alone, 12,000ft. up, between Bardia and Sollum, when I saw a flight of six Breda 65s. I was going to attack the last three when, coming through clouds, I saw two CR42s in front of me and three more lower down. They were stepped up escorting the Bredas."

"I attacked the two CRs, giving each a burst, and both pilots turned their aircraft on their backs and baled out. I had dived to the attack and carried on to the next three. With two bursts I got the leader and the starboard aircraft and each pilot baled out."

"I saw the last of the three CRs a considerable distance below me and I dived at him and gave him a long burst. He, too, baled out the fifth off the reel."

As soon as he had disposed of this victim the British pilot was attacked by three more CR42s. He eluded them only to run into two more. He shot one down and hit the other.

Deciding to call it a day, he started for his base, but was attacked by three more CR42s. Then he realised that his Glycol tank was pierced. Glycol poured into the cockpit.

"I opened the hood and hung my head outside," said the pilot. "I carried on still pursued, hoping that my aircraft would not catch fire."

"I did not know whether I was over enemy or friendly territory. Suddenly we were fired at from the ground, and I believe this saved me, for my pursuers broke off."

The flying officer carried on and made a perfect forced landing in territory occupied by our troops.

baby Jean Gauntt with a plan to "make her immortal."

Jean has now gone back to her mother — and the authorities are investigating the society's finances as managed by Schafer.



SHOW STOPPING new personalities are just one of the many features in "Down Argentine Way," the 20th Century-Fox musical extravaganza in Technicolor, showing at the King's Theatre. Betty Grable, Don Ameche and torrid-voiced Carmen (shown with her band) head the cast of the new hit.



# BOMBS RAINED ON STREETS OF SHEFFIELD

SHEFFIELD, walking to work, picked its way through damaged streets and smiled grimly at the Berlin claim that the German bombers "accurately aimed their bombs at the important armament factories of Sheffield."

The concentrated fury of high-flying raiders was directed on the town for many hours. Commercial and shopping districts were severely damaged.

Several buildings are gaunt fire-blackened ruins and some streets were made almost impassable by piles of masonry and ruined trams and buses.

Buses, trams and cars could not get through the jumble of tram-lines, bricks and twisted iron poles carrying overhead electric cables.

Cinemas, stores, shops, houses and churches were hit or damaged by blast.

A hospital was ringed by bombs, but escaped. A church was demolished.

The total of killed and injured, while considerable, was amazingly low considering the length and ferocity of the attack, but many bodies have still to be recovered.

The Lord Mayor of Sheffield and members of the Council were in continual conference with Ministry of Health representatives.

"All the fires are extinguished or under control," the Lord Mayor told a reporter.

## Wanton Destruction

"We are busy caring for the homeless and restoring transport. The raid was one of wanton destruction."

But Sheffield went to work as determined as ever, though here and there were gaps among the workers.

Married in the afternoon, Aircraftman Alfred Haynes and twenty-seven-year-old Miss Winifred Truman were on their way to their honeymoon flat in a Midland town when they were seriously injured during an air raid.

They are now in hospital. The bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Maggie Whitehall, who was a bridesmaid, was killed.

Mr. John Truman, the bride's father, said: "We had just wound up a very happy wedding party and all the guests had wished the couple good luck and said good-night."

"Mrs. Whitehall and other guests had gone out to walk down the road with them. The party had only just left the house when there was an explosion."

"They had known each other for six or seven years, and Alfred had seventeen days' special leave for his wedding," the bride's father added.

German officials in Berlin asserted that the Sheffield raid was heavier than that on Coventry from the point of view of striking power.

## WARRANT FOR PORT OFFICIAL

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of William Robert Nocton, sixty-one, of St. Augustine Avenue, Grimsby, a well-known Grimsby business man who holds a responsible position in the port.

Army and Navy officers were in court when Nocton was due to appear on the charge that "he did an act calculated falsely to suggest that he was acting in the service of his Majesty," and "did unlawfully publish a statement relating to matters connected with the war which was likely to cause alarm and despondency."

When Nocton's name was called, Mr. Entwistle, for the prosecution, said an extensive search had failed to discover the whereabouts of Nocton. On his application a warrant was issued by the Bench.

## UNREST IN ITALY

### Ruined Industry And Trade

A diplomat resident in Italy states in a letter that there is an atmosphere of excitement and discontent everywhere in the country.

"I do not expect the regime to endure more than a month," he states. "It is likely to be replaced by either a parliamentary system or a German-controlled government."

A prominent neutral industrialist who has just returned from a business trip to Italy said that dissatisfaction with the war among the middle classes and many Fascists is nothing compared with the annoyance of industrialists and big business men. All see themselves ruined.

"If it were for some useful purpose," he said, "I do not think they would mind, but all are conscious that the war is being senselessly waged from the Italian viewpoint."

"To give you an example of how people are thinking, I witnessed some of those demonstrations in Northern Italy organized by the Fascist party to cover up discontent, increase moral and send telegrams of loyalty to the Duce."

At two of these meetings several dozen people shouted, as Fascist speakers inveighed against England, "What did England intend to do against us?" The crowd took up the response, "Nothing."

"One of the foremost shipping traders in Italy told me that it was useless to load cargoes as they dare not send a ship two miles from the Mediterranean coast."

## EXCHANGE OF WIVES

"THIS IS A CASE IN WHICH BOTH HUSBANDS HAVE BEEN LIVING WITH EACH OTHER'S WIVES FOR A CONSIDERABLE TIME," SAID THE PRESIDENT, SIR BOYD MERRIMAN, IN THE DIVORCE COURT.

He had before him a petition by Mr. Derek Brian Lyne Chudleigh, of Bude, Cornwall, for divorce from Mrs. Evelyn Cecilia Chudleigh on the ground of her adultery with the co-respondent, Mr. Richard G. M. Darwall.

The suit was not defended, but Mr. Chudleigh, who is now serving in the army, asked for the court's discretion to be exercised in his favour.

Mr. and Mrs. Chudleigh were married at Plymouth register office in May, 1937. The husband's case was that in the following year they made the acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Darwall, and Mrs. Chudleigh became friendly with the co-respondent. After a quarrel Mrs. Chudleigh left her husband and went to live with Mr. Darwall in a flat in Knightsbridge, S.W.

The husband was granted a decree nisi, but an application for costs was refused.

## KIDNAP GUARD ON INVENTOR

Identity of the inventor of America's No. 1 military secret—the jealously-guarded, high accuracy "Norden bombsight"—is being shielded carefully by U.S. officials in case his life is endangered.

Although not a Navy man, this "Mr. X" worked closely with the Navy Department for fifteen years in perfecting the bombsight. Nothing more is known about him.

Another secret is the location of the factory where the sights are manufactured, says Associated Press.

### "Deadly Pattern"

"Do you think an effort might be made to kidnap the inventor and extort the secret?" an official was asked. "It might be," he replied.

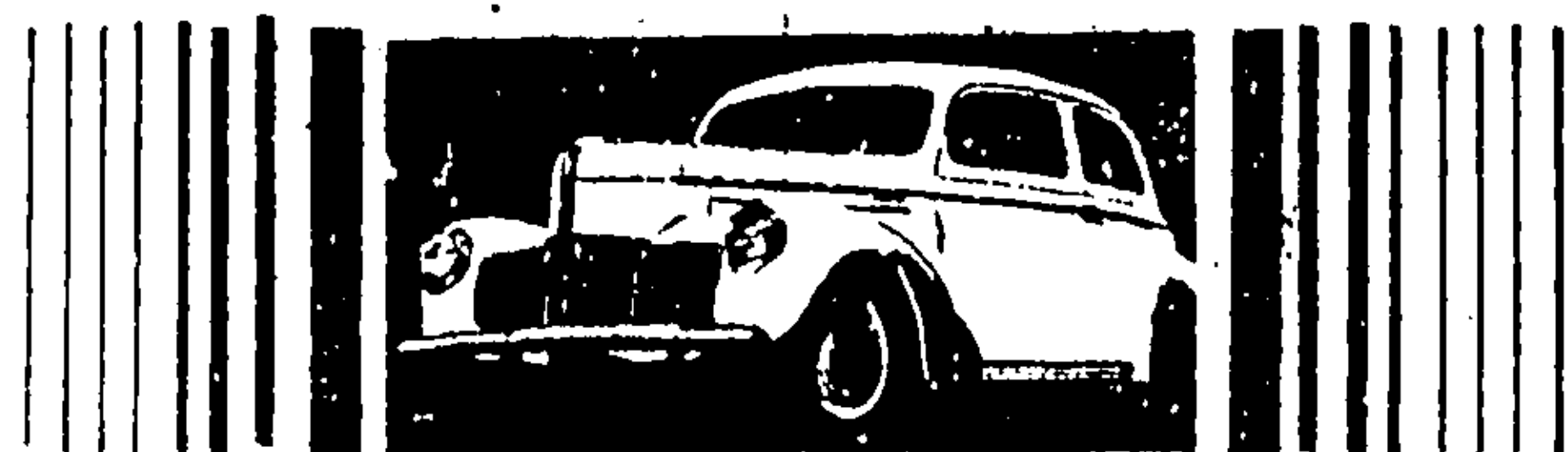
Officials also decline to discuss the degree of accuracy which U.S. bombers achieve with the sight.

One familiar with the bombsight's performance, said it was an exaggeration to say it could "drop a bomb in a barrel" from 20,000ft., but asserted that a small group of bombers, equipped with the instrument, could spread a deadly bomb "pattern" over a small target from a great altitude.

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Make	Horse Power
Austin	8
Austin	10
Hillman	10
Standard	8
Standard	9
Standard	10
Morris	3
Morris	10
Ford	8
Ford	10
Simbeam-Talbot	10
Vauxhall	10

Sd C. G. PERDUE

Controller of Land Transport  
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1941.



## PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Kau Pui Shek, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 14th March to the 28th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1941.

By Order of the Board,

J. P. SHERRY,

Managing Director.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

V. M. GRAYBURN,

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Hong Kong, 26th Feb., 1941.

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Postponed to:—

FIFTH DAY—

Saturday, 1st March.

On Saturday, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

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Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

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A limited number of tiffls will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21920).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 9th. February, 1941.

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## BRIDGE NOTES

### Bridge Swindles—No. 28

#### By The Four Aces

South could have made his contract in to-day's hand by means of an intricate trump squeeze, coupled with some good guessing, but he found it much easier to execute a simple swindle:

♠ A K J 5	♥ 8 4	♦ K 6 3	♣ K J 9 4
♠ 6 2	♥ K 5	♦ J 10 9	♣ 8 4
♠ Q 10 5 2	♥ Q 10 9 4	♦ A	♣ A 8 7 6 3
♠ 8 7 3	♥ A Q J 10 6 2	♦ Q 7 5 2	♣ —

## The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Jack of diamonds, and South properly played

ed low from the dummy. It was obvious that West didn't have the diamond Ace, and South saw no reason to waste his chance to win a trick with dummy's diamond King. East took the diamond Ace and returned a low trump, East winning the finesse with the heart King.

West returned the ten of diamonds, and once more a low card was played from the dummy. South's careful diamond play was rewarded when East ruffed; for now South had no further diamond losers. East thought for a while and then returned his last trump, South winning with the Ace.

Reserving the intricate squeeze in case the swindle failed, South made his try for the hand by leading over to the diamond King and returning a low club. What was East to do? If he ducked and allowed South to make a possible singleton Queen, he would feel very foolish. But he felt even more foolish when he put up the club Ace, allowing South to ruff and claim the rest of the tricks. South had simply acted on the principle that it's much simpler to put the opponents to the guess than to do the guessing yourself.

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Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A 10 9 7 3	♥ A J 9	♦ Q 8 7	♣ A Q
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## The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Schenken	Maier
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
(7)			

ANSWER: Bid three diamonds. You have already shown willingness to play no-trump, so there is no point in rebidding no-trump; your partner can do that just as well as you. Choosing between your partner's suits allows him to go on with a real minor two-suiter, or to raise no-trump or support spades if he has a hand of more general strength.

Score: 100% for three diamonds, 80% for three spades, 20% for three no-trump.

### Question No. 653

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 9 7 3 3	♥ A 10 5	♦ A Q J 9 6	♣ 4
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## The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	Barnstone	You
1♠	2♥	2♠	(?)
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)			

Monday.)  
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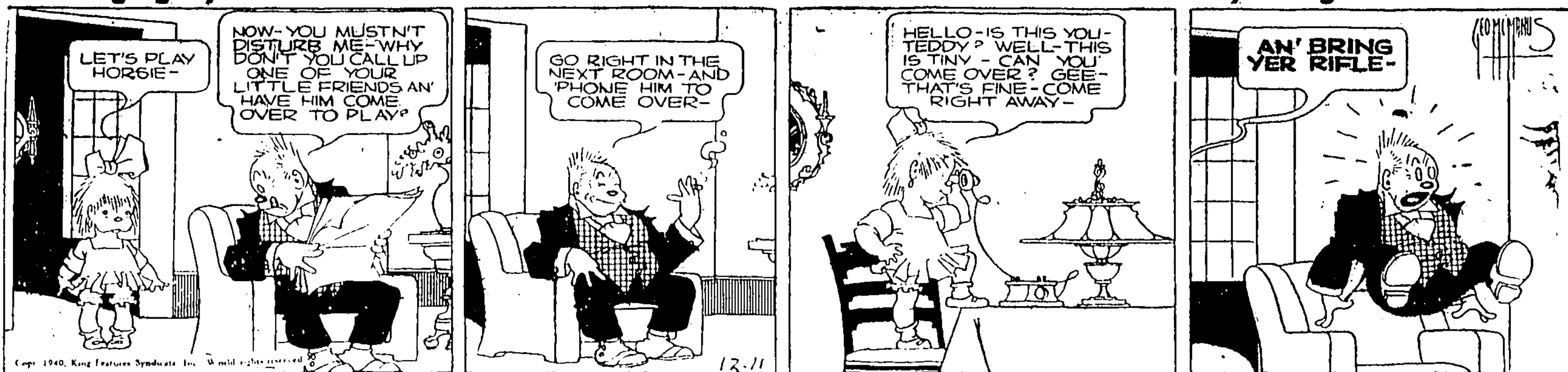
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## Bringing Up Father



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Hands Need To Be Pampered

One of the leading cosmetic firms, with the collaboration of the medical profession, have made a survey on the care of hands - what to do to preserve their usefulness and their beauty.

As you are quite aware one of the chief problems is how to combat dryness of the skin during the winter months.

This survey states:

1. Hands can become unattractive, and uncomfortable, from dryness.

2. That everyday hygiene such as frequent washing of the hands, and work-a-day tasks that require the hands to be in water, or in contact with oil-removing soap, help to aggravate skin dryness.

3. That under-humidified air also dries the skin, as does the wind.

4. That in winter, when oil and sweat glands function less actively, the skin usually is lacking in sufficient "lubrication" to keep it smooth, pliable and attractive in appearance.

### Essential Care

Dryness of hands could be avoided if women could dodge the many tasks that call for hands to be washed frequently—but we cannot. Therefore we must lubricate the skin with a lotion daily, and perhaps with a richer cream nightly.

Many women use a lotion on their hands before washing them (just as one uses a cleansing cream on the face before washing it) and also after washing them. This does help to prevent acute dryness.

The habit of oiling your cuticle



Wearing a lovely fragrance is not in keeping if one's hands are dry and neglected looking. Keep yours beautiful!

and massaging your hands with a good prepared lubricant before going to bed, is excellent. All night long the skin is soothed by the applied oil.

Even though you do not think it necessary, you should keep a rich oil soap at the kitchen sink and in each bathroom. Avoid using harsh soaps on your hands as much as possible. If you scrub try

getting into the habit of wearing rubber gloves. There are heavy black rubber gloves which stand up beautifully under heavy work and they do preserve hand beauty, there is no doubt about that.

Do not wear thin kid gloves in cold weather. Wear thick cotton, woollen, lamb or doeskin, furlined mitts or even double silk gloves. And unless your gloves are very warm rub a bit of hand lotion well on your hands before donning them.

### For Extra Beauty

You know how quickly a tired, neglected face can be whipped into a beautiful one with the aid of a good cleanser and a skin masque. So too can dry, neglected hands benefit (in case of emergency) by a cleanser lotion and a hand masque. This is how it is done. Slather lotion generously on your hands—in fact wash them in lotion. Then scrub them in soft sudsy water, using a rich soap. Apply the hand masque cream generously and massage it well, slip into pink or white cotton gloves and read or relax for an hour before your engagement. Remove the masque with a skin tonic and a piece of cotton, and again apply a bit of hand lotion. Wipe the hands with a towel to remove any excess lotion but do not wash them. If you are going to play bridge or use them prominently, powder them with your face powder.

If you do approve and that you want her to look pretty and to learn the correct use of any and all beauty aids!

If you acquainted yourself with some of the refreshing lovely colognes, the pure cleansing creams and lubricants for dry skin, and the specific treatments for slightly blemished skin, you could not possibly disapprove them. What you must disapprove is the use of mascara, false eyelashes, overdoses of rouge, skin bleaches or masques. Teach your child good taste in skin care and hair dressing and make-up and dress, and you will have little difficulty with her during the adolescent years!

### Give Daughter A Hand

Simple cosmetics for young girls are not expensive and guardians should encourage the use of them. Young girls are a bit like sheep, what the leader does the others do. So your young thing is going to use cosmetics whether you approve or not. She will smuggle her lipstick to school and wear it in brazen defiance there. How much better for her to know that



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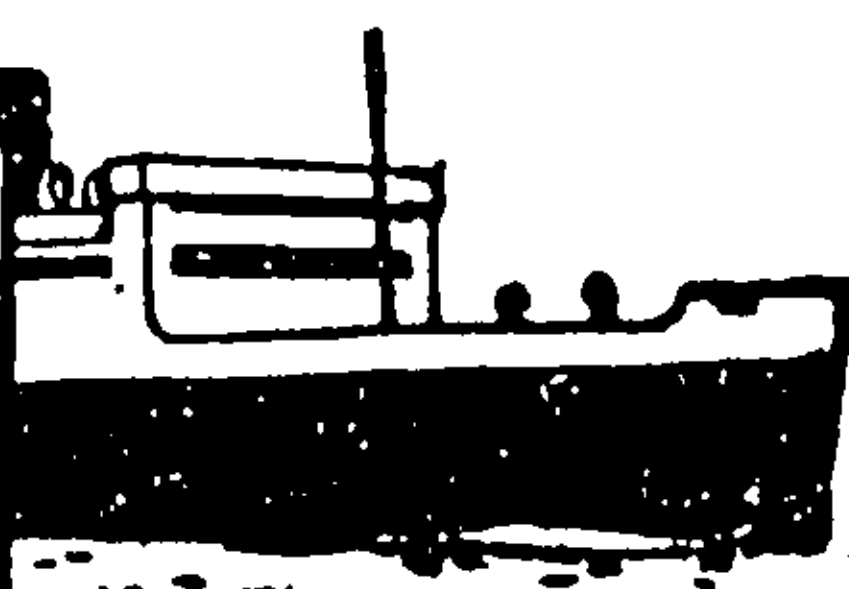
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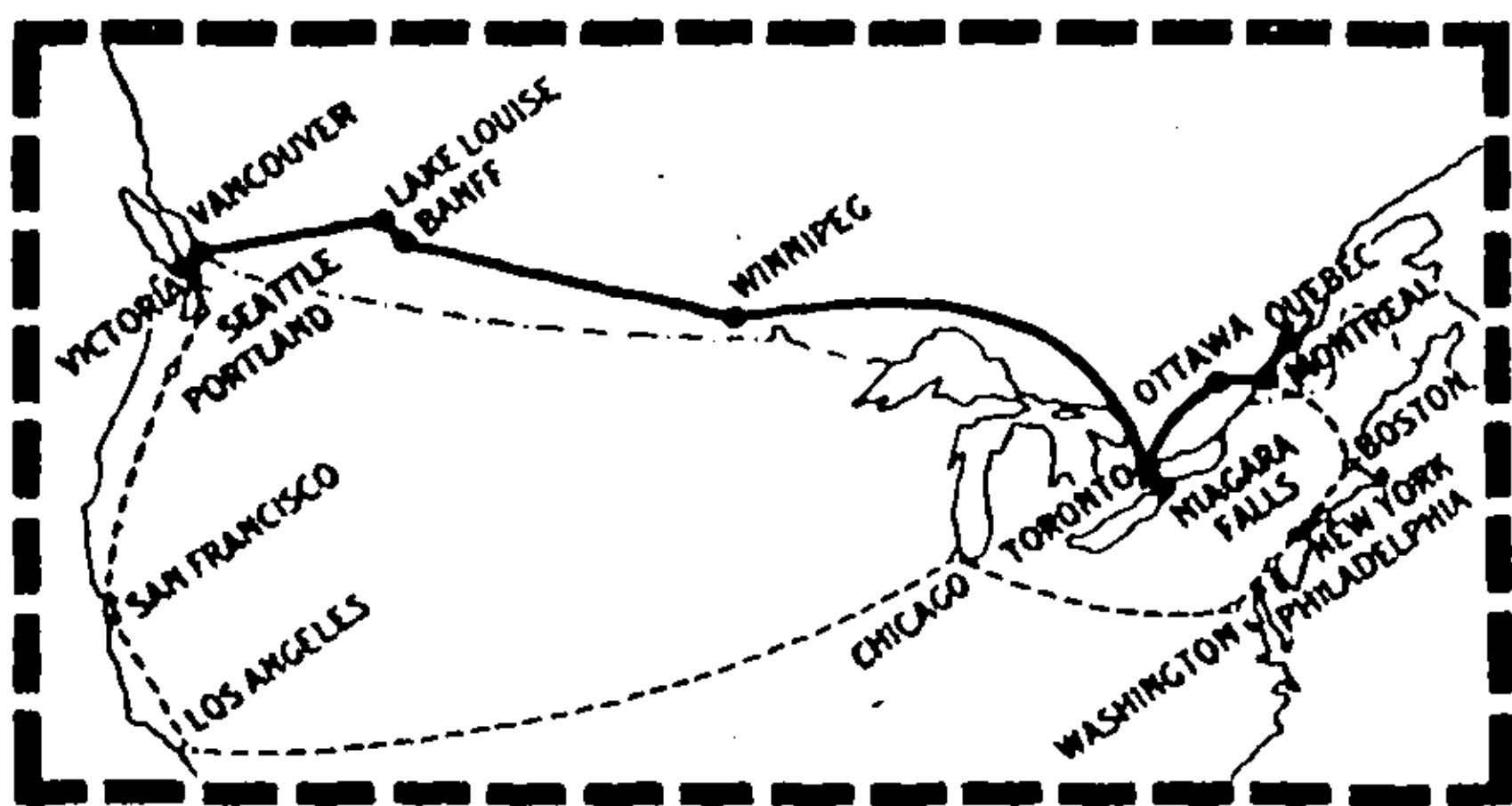
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2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
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8.29 p.m.—Mozart—Symphony No. 36 in G Major ("Linz").  
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
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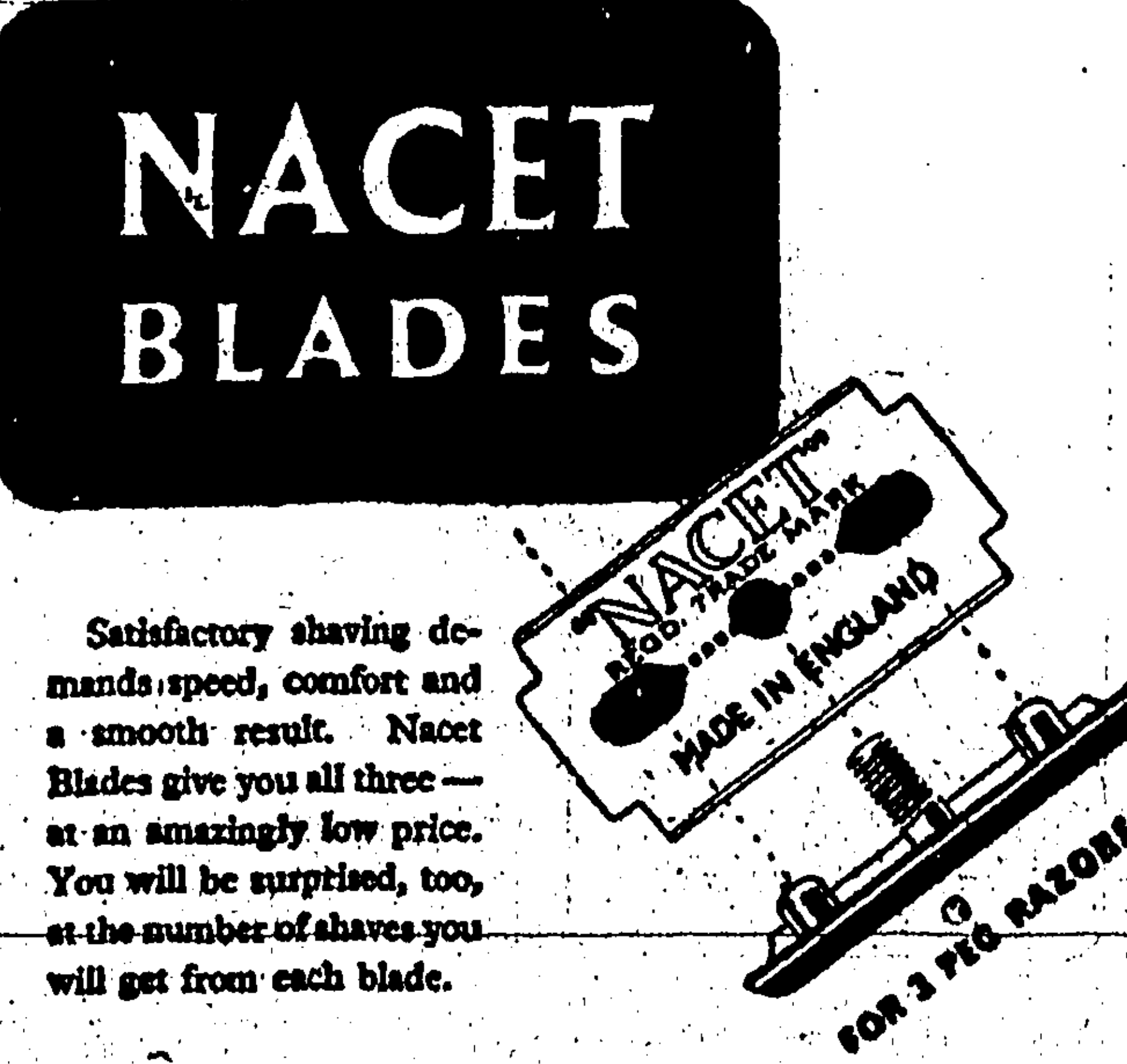
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## Obituary

The Commandant regrets to announce the death of No. 1540, C.S.M. R. E. Slattery, No. 4 Company, which occurred on 22.2.41.

**Recruits' Medical Examination**  
Fri, 7th Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Orderly Medical Officer—Lt. G. T. Balean.

**Promotion Examination Recruits**  
The following members of No. 4 Company passed a Promotion Examination to Sergeant held on 21.2.41:—A/Sgt. S. J. Cooke, A/Sgt. L. O. Davis and Cpl. H. S. Lo.

## 2nd Camp Fanling

The following units and other personnel as detailed will proceed to camp on Fri, 7th March, under instructions already issued:—No. 1 Company, No. 4 Company, No. 5 Company, No. 7 Company, Army Service Corps Company (those detailed) and Field Ambulance (those detailed).

## Parades

**(a) Corps Artillery**  
**Qualifications.** The following members of 2nd Bty. qualified as Gunlayers on 19.2.41 (in order of merit):—Gnr. K. J. Attwell (re-qualified), Gnr. J. J. Ferguson (re-qualified), Gnr. K. J. Tomes, Gnr. S. O. Berg, L/Bdr. O. E. C. Marton (re-qualified), Gnr. J. Reynolds, Gnr. T. J. Gould, Gnr. G. H. Oliver and Gnr. T. H. W. King.

The following members of 2nd Bty. qualified as Rangefinders on 19.2.41 and 20.2.41 (in order of merit):—L/Bdr. H. Corra, Gnr. J. A. Grant, Gnr. E. E. Hutemeier and Gnr. E. R. Child.

**1st Battery.** Tues., 4th Mar. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Bty. training at D'Aguliar. Dress as usual.  
**2nd Battery.** Mon., 3rd Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Gun Detachments and B.O.P. Staff. Lecture on the shoots by Major I.G. Dress—Mufti.

Tues., 4th Mar. Belchers, 2.30 p.m. Right Section. Gun drill, dummy loader and semaphore. Dress—Mufti. Overalls and S.D. caps to be carried.

Thurs., 6th Mar. Belchers, 2.30 p.m. Left Section. Gun drill, dummy loader and semaphore. Dress—Mufti. Overalls and S.D. caps to be carried.

**3rd Battery.** Thurs., 6th Mar. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. for Aberdeen. Dress as usual.

**4th Battery.** Tues., 4th Mar. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. Full Bty. training and instruction at Pakshawan. Dress as usual.

**5th A.A. Battery.** Tues., 4th Mar. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. No. 1 Section. Gas Chamber Test. Dress as usual.

Tues., 4th Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Lecture. Dress—Mufti. No. 2 Section.

Thurs., 6th Mar. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. No. 2 Section. Gas Chamber Test. Dress as usual.

Thurs., 6th Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 1 Section. Lecture. Dress—Mufti.

**(b) No. 1 Company**  
Mon., 3rd Mar. No parade.  
Tues., 4th Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Lecture.

Thurs., 6th Mar. Between 5.30 and 6 p.m. Rifles will be drawn.

**(c) No. 4 Company**  
Thurs., 6th Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company will draw Respirators and rifles for camp.

Fri., 7th Mar. Company will proceed to camp.

**(d) No. 5 Company**  
Thurs., 6th Mar. The whole Company will parade at 5.30 p.m. instead of on Mon., 3rd and Tues., 4th.

Fri., 7th Mar. The Company will proceed to Camp. Dress—S.D. cap, jacket, shorts, hosiery, boots, puttees, webbing equipment, haversack and waterbottle. All spare clothing and equipment including greatcoat, steel helmet, box respirator but less sun helmet will be taken. All except Nos. 1 and 2 will draw rifles on Thurs., 6th Mar. from 5.30 p.m. box respirators will also be drawn by the whole company at the same time and date. Rifles and box respirators must be returned to Stores on Saturday, 5th Mar. before 1 p.m. Disciplinary action will be taken in case of non-compliance with this order.

Train times:—Fri., 7th Mar. 4 p.m., 5.30 p.m. and 7.55 p.m.; Sat., 8th Mar. 6.20 a.m.

**(e) No. 6 Company**  
Fri., 7th Mar. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Dress as before.

**(f) No. 7 Company**  
Mon., 3rd Mar. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. Sound and Arms drill.

Thurs., 6th Mar. H.Q. Stores. 5.30 p.m. Rifles will be drawn and respirators from Coy. Stores.

Fri., 7th Mar. Company will proceed to camp at Fanling as detailed. Train times are as follows:—1.30 p.m., 4 p.m., 5.30 p.m. and 7.55 p.m.

**(g) Army Service Corps Company**  
Mon., 3rd Mar. 8th Mar. Weekly duties. Transport and Supply personnel as required by S. & T. Office. Dress as usual.

Tues., 4th Mar. Supply and Transport personnel. 2nd Camp talk. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Mufti.

Thurs., 6th Mar. No parade.  
Fri., 7th Mar. 2nd Fanling Camp (7th-14th Mar.). Supply and Transport personnel as detailed.

**(h) Field Ambulance**  
Those attending camp March 7th to 14th will parade on Wed., 5th at St. John's parade ground at 5.30 p.m. to draw anti-gas respirators and to receive final instructions for camp. Dress—Mufti.

**Leave**  
3385, Sgt. J. L. Hiley, 1st Bty., 20.3.41-9.7.41; 3330, Gnr. N. Dessoulavy, 5th A.A. Bty., 1.3.41-28.3.41; 3482, Spr. A. I. Napoloff, Fd. Coy. Engrs., 19.2.41-20.3.41; 3554, Pte. J. Wald, Mob. Coln., 27.2.41-12.3.41; DR111, Pte. H. H. Andrews, Mob. Coln., 3.3.41-2.5.41; 2552, Sgt. W. G. Schnabel, No. 1 Coy., 25.2.41-10.3.41; 2817, Pte. H. Smith, No. 2 Coy., 22.2.41-21.3.41; DR223, Pte. R. D. Gillespie, No. 2 Coy., 8.3.41-26.3.41; 4265, Pte. F. D. Scicluna, A.S.C. Coy., 25.2.41-24.3.41; 4595, Pte. G. Buchanan, Sp. Gd. Coy., Hughes Group, 28.2.41-10.3.41.

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Khan, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4773, Pte. Mohamed Azam, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4775, Pte. Barkat Ali, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4776, Pte. Mohamed Akbar, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4777, Pte. Sher Singh, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4778, Pte. Imam Din, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4779, Pte. Akbar Ali, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4780, Pte. Sultan Ali, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4781, Pte. Mohamed Shaif, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4782, Pte. Mohamed Alam, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4783, Pte. Rehmat Khan, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4784, Pte. Bhawal Bux, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4785, Pte. Mohamed Khan, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4786, Pte. Nur Dad (P.O. 205), Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4787, Pte. Pola Khan, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4788, Pte. Nur Mohamed, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4789, Pte. Ghulam Rabbani, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4790, Pte. Sardar Khan, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4791, Pte. Jetha Singh, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4792, Pte. Mohamed Hashim, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4793, Pte. Mehal Singh, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4794, Pte. Fateh Mohammad (223), Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4795, Pte. Fazal Hussain, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4796, Pte. Khazan Singh, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4797, Gnr. E. J. Tandy, 5th A.A. Bty.; 4798, Gnr. G. D. Stokes, 5th A.A. Bty.; 4799, Pte. Fateh Homamed, Sp. Gd. Coy.; 4800, Gnr. W. G. Lawson, 1st Bty.; 4801, Pte. Hooi Cheng Weng, Fd. Amb.; 4802, Pte. Lee How Fong, Fd. Amb.; 4803, Pte. L. E. Gulerres, Fd. Amb.; 4804, Pte. Teoh Tiaw Teong, Fd. Amb.; 4805, Pte. Khoo Kee Seang, Fd. Amb.; 4806, Pte. Stephen K. S. Sim, Fd. Amb.; 4807, Pte. Tan Luan Hool, Fd. Amb.; 4808, Pte. Lim Thiam Tet, Fd. Amb.; 4809, Pte. Tan Hock San, Fd. Amb.; 4810, Pte. Chan Yan Kwong, Fd. Amb.; 4811, Pte. Wong Yue Tim, Fd. Amb.; 4812, Pte. Wong Chin Wah, Fd. Amb.; 4813, Pte. Peter Fok, Fd. Amb.; 4814,

Pte. R. W. D. Danby, A.S.C. Coy.; 4815, Pte. I. E. Roberts, A.S.C. Coy.; 4816, Gnr. N. W. Sheby, 2nd Bty.; 4817, Pte. Yu Shiu On, Fd. Amb.; 4818, Pte. Ling Tak Hong, Fd. Amb.; 4819, Pte. Tong Kwok Kee, Fd. Amb.

**Appointment and Promotions**  
4542, L/Cpl. J. E. Jessop, Mob. Coln., to be Cpl.; 3867, A/Sgt. S. J. Cooke, No. 4 Coy., to be Sgt.; 3367, A/Sgt. L. O. Davis, No. 4 Coy., to be Sgt.; 2914, Cpl. H. S. Lo, No. 4 Coy., to be L/Sgt.; 2884, L/Cpl. Y. O. Kwok, No. 4 Coy., to be Cpl.; 4052, L/Cpl. W. J. Brown, A.S.C. Coy., to be Pte. (at own request); 3159, L/Cpl. N. J. Booker, Corps Sigs., to be Cpl.

**Transfers**  
4663, Pte. W. A. Zimmern, from No. 3 Coy. to A.S.C. Coy.; 4052, Pte. W. J. Brown, from A.S.C. Coy. to Unit Res.

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Fri., 7.3.41. A.R.P. lecture. 5.30 p.m. at A.R.P. H.Q. Happy Valley. Transport leaves Queen's Pier. 5.20 p.m.

Leave. Mrs. J. Groundwater—21.2.41 to 20.3.41; Mrs. C. Shore—26.2.41 to 26.9.41; Mrs. B. Yate—2.3.41 to 1.3.42.

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# FAN MAIL TELLS WHO'S WHO

**STRANGE SERVICES** are performed as daily routine by postal employees. Almost a symbol of the far-reaching efficiency of the Department is the manner in which the Hollywood Station, branch of the Los Angeles Post Office, deals with millions of "fan mail" letters directed to film and radio stars, directors, producers, writers, character players, and extras.

Hollywood Station holds the unique distinction of having a "fan mail" clerk, whose job it is to keep up with rapidly changing addresses of motion-picture celebrities.

About 10 years ago, the Superintendent of Mails assigned to Thomas A. Shipman, postal clerk in Hollywood Station, the task of forwarding inadequately addressed "fan mail" to film stars. Under postal regulations, first-class mail is entitled to "directory service" and fan mail is no exception. Mr. Shipman began compiling a list of the names and addresses of filmdom's great and near-great.

On the fan-mail list are names and addresses of more than 5,000 screen luminaries—a strictly confidential list which Mr. Shipman keeps up to date by daily changes, taken from routine notifications of changes of address and from news stories in daily papers and magazines describing the travels of his "clientele."

## Movie Cranks

Postal officials have little patience with movie fan "cranks" who address their favourite stars by pasting pictures on the outside of the envelope in lieu of address, or use other "freak" subtleties in place of the conventional address, although even these are delivered, in so far as ordinary post-office routine permits.

The fan-mail clerk, who devotes only part of his time to this specialised phase of sorting and distributing mail in Hollywood Station finds fan mail very spasmodic, and greatly affected by the showing of new pictures, stories about film celebrities' romances, their travels, and their troubles.

Fan mail reached a high level during discussion of who would play the lead in "Gone With the Wind," as thousands of persons

wrote to Selznick studios offering suggestions.

## Only A Name

While much of the mail addressed to actors and actresses carries the name and addresses of the studio, hundreds of letters come addressed simply "Hollywood, Calif." Occasionally, from some remote town, a letter will be forwarded to Hollywood bearing only an actor's name, with no address whatever, and these, like the others, pass through the fan-mail clerk's hands.

Included on the fan-mail list are the names of persons whose last known forwarding address was in Paris, Berlin, or London, and Mr. Shipman forwards these, along with the rest. Pola Negri still receives mail addressed to Hollywood, which is sent to Berlin, her last-known forwarding address. Maurice Chevalier's mail goes to Paris and George Arliss receives his in London.

# KOWLOON GODOWNS DIVIDEND

The Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., announce that, subject to audit, the amount at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December is: \$1,036,534.95. The amount brought forward from the year 1939 being \$424,188.56, the total now available for distribution is: \$1,460,723.51. At the forthcoming Annual Meeting of Shareholders, the Directors will recommend an appropriation as follows:—To pay a Dividend of \$7.00 per share \$630,000.00, To Transfer to General Reserve A/C. \$400,000.00, To Transfer to Repairs & Renewals A/C. \$15,345.56, To carry forward \$415,377.93.



# SOUTH CHINA MEET NAVY IN IMPORTANT GAME

By "Referee"

THOUGH TO-DAY'S First Division games have no bearing on the Championship, they should be interesting as the teams appear to be well-matched and the better of the two games should be at Sookunpo where Middlesex and Royal Scots meet.

Middlesex are generally conceded to be the best of the Military teams, but Royals will be all out to beat them this time as they have in the past given Middlesex a good game.

The greatly improved St. Joseph's meet Kwong Wah in the other senior game and should win. Kwong Wah were beaten in the first game but did well against Eastern last week. Their forwards will have to be at their best to get past the present St. Joseph's defence which will include Guy and Castillo.

Sing Tao, who still have an outside chance for Second Division honours, meet Middlesex and should win.

To-morrow, Navy are at home to South China at Causeway Bay and a good game should be seen. South China are in a strong position for the Championship while Navy, who are still in the Shield Competition, may give them strong opposition.

## TO-DAY'S FRIENDLY CRICKET

The cricket programme for the week-end is an all-friendly affair, with three senior games and one in the junior section.

Best match on the programme will perhaps be the Kowloon-Indians game at King's Park, and in view of the poor showing of the Sookunpo team in recent matches, Kowloon will probably prove too good for them even though their team will be somewhat depleted on account of Volunteer Camp.

A couple of C.C.C. 1st XI players are also away at Camp but an "A" team from the Valley club will take on the Engineers and a fairly close game should result.

Cricket Club will be at home to the University and should win, while in the only Junior game of the afternoon Police should prove too good for St. Joseph's College.

K.C.C.	v	I.R.C.
H.K.C.C.	v	University
C.C.C.	v	Royal Engineers
P.R.C.	v	St. Joseph's

C.C.C. 1st XI:—G. Souza, A. J. Hulse, J. L. Youngs, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, W. J. White, L. Choa, U. H. Small, C. W. Lam, T. Edgar and E. H. Esmail.

H.K.C.C.:—H. Owen Hughes, E. W. Pudney, D. S. Robb, N. D. Booker, L. D. Kilbee, W. J. Finnie, G. J. P. Carey, G. P. Charlton, A. E. Perry, R. H. Griffiths and A. N. Other.

University:—N. C. Sen Gupta, L. T. Ride, K. Y. Tam, J. Tsui, G. Hong Choy, J. Fenton, K. S. Oh, N. Singh, T. C. Lo, S. Amplayanar, S. Mahmood. Reserve: D. Chelliah.

P.R.C.:—A. E. Carey, W. L. Clarke, J. Shepherd, H. Tyler, H. Danbrowsky, G. V. White, H. Baldwin, A. Matches, J. Hayward, E. G. Post and A. Billingham.

### Cricket Cancelled

The match between Kowloon Cricket Club and Indian Recreation Club fixed for to-day has been cancelled owing to the condition of the ground at K.C.C.

## TO-DAY'S HOCKEY

Four friendly hockey matches will be played this afternoon at King's Park. Club de Recreio Ladies and Central British Association Ladies are entertaining Hong Kong Ladies and St. Andrew's Ladies at 3 p.m. respectively, while both Y.M.C.A. teams play against two Khalsa teams at home. 1st XI:—Cleghat, Saxby and Ralton. A. N. Other, Tomlinson and Gordon; Macy, Olson, Dormer, Fancey and Banks.

2nd XI:—Benwell, Taylor and Yvanovich; Gordon, Coombe and Waldron; Spencelayh, Morgan, Hitchcock, Treason and Dunne.

## FORM GUIDE

Following is a complete survey of racing at the Valley this year, giving the time, first three ponies, their jockeys and weights, won by and when—A.M. stands for Annual Meeting, and 1 or 2 means first or second day.

### AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS, 1941

HALF MILE & 170 YARDS  
1.01.1—Distant View (Ph, 152); 2. Fleetwing (Poy, 152); 3. Misty View (Botelho, 152). 5 and 2. A.M.3.  
1.02.0—Starlight (Moller, 152); 2. Nontine Poenae (Chao, 152); 3. Hascossay (Davis, 152). 1½ and short head. A.M.1.  
6 FURLONGS  
1.10.2—Distant View (Ph, 152); 2. Vis Major (Sokoloff, 152); 3. Starlight (Moller, 152). 3 and 5. A.M.1.

ONE MILE  
1.51.0—A Happy Time (Holden, 152); 2. Fleetwing (Poy, 152); 3. Colooma (Black, 152). 5 and short head. A.M.1.  
1 MILE 171 YARDS  
2.00.3—Fleetwing (Poy, 152); Starlight (Moller, 152); 3. Mountain View (Ph, 152). 3 and 1. A.M.2.  
1¼ MILES  
1 MILE 171 YARDS  
2.19.3—Colooma (Black, 152); 2. Oracle (Needa, 149); 3. Prairie View (Ph, 152). Short head and 3. A.M.3.

2.19.4—First Love (Liang, 152); 2. Prairie View (Ph, 152); 3. Marsh Warbler (Black, 152). 3 and short head. A.M.1.  
1½ MILES  
2.54.1—Distant View (Ph, 152); 2. Oracle (Needa, 151); 3. First Love (Liang, 152). Many and 3. A.M.2.

1¾ MILES  
3.25.1—Marsh Warbler (Black, 152); 2. Mountain View (Ph, 152); 3. National Courage (Tao, 152). 2½ and many. A.M.4.

### AUSTRALIAN SUBS, 1941

HALF MILE  
51.1—Moonlight (Noodt, 149); 2. Bona Vacantia (Sokoloff, 152); 3. Fresh Air (Ip Kuy-ying, 149). 2 and short head. A.M.2.  
54.1—Bendemeer (Needa, 152); 2. Royal Sovereign (Noodt, 152); 3. Newborn Star (Craven, 152). 2 and 4. A.M.2.

6 FURLONGS  
1.18.4—United Express (Ip Kuy-ying, 152); 2. Fresh Air (Woo, 149); 3. Newborn Star (Craven, 152). 5 and ½. A.M.1.  
1.19.4—Anulet Star (Craven, 152); 2. Black Seal (Chao, 152); 3. A Surprising Time (Holden, 152). Neck and short head. A.M.1.  
1.19.4—National Welfare (Tao, 152); 2. Happy Returns (Woo, 149); 3. Vitamin M (Black, 152). Head and head. A.M.1.

1.20.2—Maple Leaf (Noodt, 149); 2. Opima Fide (Sokoloff, 152); 3. Fresh Air (Needa, 149). 1½ and 3. A.M.3.

ONE MILE  
1.48.0—Manhattan (Hearne, 149); 3. Endeavour (Wol, 152); 4 and 3. A.M.1.  
1.48.0—Endeavour (Moller, 152); 2. Mainsail (Yuen, 152); 3. A Surprising Time (Black, 152). 1½ and 4. A.M.4.

1.52.0—United Express (Ip Kuy-ying, 152); 2. Tien Tien (Sung, 150); 3. Casino (Tang Man-wa, 149). Many and 2. A.M.2.  
1.53.0—Lex Forti (Sokoloff, 152); 2. Sydney Lady (Hearne, 152); 3. Bugle (Moller, 149). 1½ and 1½. A.M.4.

## WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following are the soccer fixtures for the week-end.

### Saturday

#### FIRST DIVISION

R. Sco's v Middlesex (Sookunpo, 4.30 p.m.)  
St. Joseph's v Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)

#### SECOND DIVISION

Middlesex v Sing Tao (Sookunpo, 3.00 p.m.)  
30th R.A. v Kowloon (Caroline Hill 3.00 p.m.)  
Police v R. Sco's (Boundary Street, 3.00 p.m.)  
R.A.O.C. v S. China (St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.)

#### THIRD DIVISION

Shell v 36th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 3.00 p.m.)  
12th R.A. v 20th R.A. (Stanley, 3.00 p.m.)  
35th R.A. v Service Corps (Stanley, 4.30 p.m.)  
International v 24th R.A. (Military, 3.00 p.m.)  
Signals v Engineers (Military, 4.30 p.m.)

### Friendly

Police v Eastern (Boundary St, at 4.30 p.m.)

### Sunday

#### FIRST DIVISION

Navy v South China (Causeway Bay, 4.30 p.m.)

#### SECOND DIVISION

Kit Chee v Club (Club, 4.30 p.m.)  
Navy v R.A.S.C. (Causeway Bay, 3.00 p.m.)  
Engineers v Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill, 3.00 p.m.)

#### THIRD DIVISION

R.A.F. v Medicals (Chatham Road, 4.30 p.m.)

## New Class Of Shanghai Ponies

JUST WHEN RACING is beginning to pick-up after several barren years we are face with the problem of having to race "midget" or "X" class ponies, writes "The Chaser" in the "N.C.D. News."

The Stewards of the Shanghai Race Club have found it necessary to inaugurate this new class, which will consist of 1941 sub-griffins as a lot of 48 ponies have been given the "once over" by Messrs. Keylock & Pratt and one of the discoveries was that the ponies measured between 12.2 and 11.3 hands. It is hoped, however, that members of the S.R.C. and I.R.C. will support the subscription list of these ponies which cost \$1,000 apiece. Special races will be provided during the year for these ponies who will run among themselves in specified events and will also be permitted to run with other "Y" class animals, but at their respective "weight-for-inches".

### A Set-Back

Although the racing of this new lot is somewhat of a set-back not only to owners and jockeys, but

to the large number of racing enthusiasts in this city who have shown increasing interest in "quality" events, the Stewards have found the most suitable recourse in which to fulfill their contract with a Japanese supplier who has gone through extreme difficulties in his earnest endeavour to abide by his contract with the two Clubs.

In the special race which will be provided for "X" class ponies the 12.2 ponies will carry 150 pounds while those under this measurement will carry 147 pounds. But should they compete against "Y" ponies they will carry "weight-for-inches" with penalties and allowances calculated accordingly.

The subscription list for "X" class ponies closed on Friday, February 14, while the Drawing took place on Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Weighing Room of the Shanghai Race Club.

## RAPIER'S SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY

Race No. 1  
ORACLE  
PRAIRIE VIEW  
GAY FOX  
Outsider:—Vis Major.

Race No. 2  
BLACK SEAL  
CORSAIR  
A SURPRISING TIME  
Outsider:—Sydney Lady.

Race No. 3  
CHARLESBER  
SAM'S CHOICE  
WONDERFUL SCHEME  
Outsider:—Eve of Deception.

Race No. 4  
HILLSBORO BAY  
HUGHBER  
GALAXY  
Outsider:—Johnber.

Race No. 5  
NOMINE POENAE  
HASCOSAY  
KING'S WELCOME  
Outsider:—Misty View.

Race No. 6  
POTENTATE  
GALVESTON BAY  
EMERGENCY UNIT  
Outsider:—Eve of Folly.

Race No. 7  
MAINSAIL  
BUGLE  
SNOW WHITE  
Outsider:—Vitamin M.

Race No. 8  
UNITED EXPRESS  
ENDEAVOUR  
MANHATTAN  
Outsider:—Jus Gentium.

Race No. 9  
VENUS BAY  
CHEERFUL STAR  
SHUTTLECOCK  
Outsider:—Centre Court.  
DAILY DOUBLE:—HILLSBORO BAY and POTENTATE.

1 MILE 171 YARDS  
2.00.0—Dutch Treat (Botelho, 152); 2. Black Seal (Chao, 152); 3. Bugle (Wol, 149). Short head and ½. A.M.2.  
2.02.2—Happy Returns (Chao, 149); 2. Santa-Anita (Liang, 152); 3. Sydney Lady (Hearne, 152). 1 and 2. A.M.3.  
1¼ MILES  
2.22.2—King's Flight (Needa, 152); 2. Lex Forti (Sokoloff, 152); 3. Bugle (Moller, 149). 4 and 1½. A.M.3.  
2.30.2—Santa-Anita (Liang, 153); 2. King's Flight (Needa, 153); 3. Corsair (Botelho, 150). 3 and 2. A.M.2.

1½ MILES  
2.49.0—United Express (Ip, 152); 2. Endeavour (Moller, 152); 3. Jus Gentium (Sokoloff, 150). 1½ and ½. A.M.3.  
TWO MILES  
3.55.1—Never-Never (Black, 152); 2. Santa-Anita (Liang, 152); 3. Corsair (Botelho, 149). 2 and many. A.M.4.

### AUSTRALIAN OLD PONIES

6 FURLONGS  
1.18.0—Viceroy (Black, 147); 2. Far View (Ph, 159); 3. Brown Derby (Treverton, 135). Head and short head. A.M.3.  
ONE MILE  
1.46.2—Sapper (Davis, 159); 2. Far View (Ph, 158); 3. Viceroy (Black, 152). 5 and 2½. A.M.1.  
1.50.3—Catterick Bridge (Chao, 146); 2. Venus Bay (Needa, 159); 3. Cheerful Star (Tao, 154). ½ and 1. A.M.3.  
1.52.2—Longdon (Noodt, 135); 2. Roefly (Needa, 159); 3. A Good Time (Chang, 135); 5 and 2. A.M.4.  
1.56.0—Many Thanks (Hearne, 159); 2. Vixen Tor (Noodt, 147); 3. Pumpernickel (Tao, 153). Many and 4. A.M.2.

1 MILE 171 YARDS  
1.59.1—Fair Chance (Wei, 146); 2. Springhurst (Poy, 148); 3. Vixen Tor (Noodt, 143). 1½ and short head. A.M.1.  
TWO MILES  
3.51.4—Britus (Treverton, 135); 2. Springhurst (Poy, 149); 3. Cornieker (Chang, 140); 3 and ½. A.M.4.

### AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

1¼ MILES  
2.17.0—Sapper (Davis, 152); 2. Distant View (Ph, 152); 3. Viceroy (Black, 152). 3 and 6. A.M.4.

### NEW CHINA PONIES

6 FURLONGS  
1.23.3—Oolong (Needa, 152); 2. Lovelylight (Noodt, 152); 3. Palber (Chao, 152); 3 and 4. A.M.1.  
1.26.0—Palber (Chao, 152); 2. Sam's Choice (Black, 149); 3. Wonderful Scheme (Sokoloff, 152). 1 and 1. A.M.4.

## MESSRS WEI & TANG RIDING TO-DAY?

Race fans will be glad to learn that Mr. P. Y. T. Wei, who sustained injuries to the face when the pony he was riding (Fair Chance) came down in the last race on the Second Day of the Annual Race Meeting, has recovered sufficiently to be able to ride again this afternoon.

From a reliable source last evening, it was learned that Mr. Wei will be taking part in three races to-day, his mounts being Iron Beauty, Jane Doe and Amusement Tax.

There is a possibility that Mr. S. W. Tang, who was thrown by The Kaola Bear on the First Day, will be riding again to-day.

Mr. D. G. Woo, who was thrown by Jungle Princess on the First Day, will not be taking any further part at the Meeting.

## SHANGHAI JOCKEYS LEAVING TOMORROW

It is understood that Messrs. H. J. Holden, F. Noodt, M. M. Sokoloff, who came down from Shanghai to take part in the Annual Race Meeting, together with Messrs. Billy Hill and George Pollock, who came in the role of spectators, will be returning to the Northern port to-morrow.

Mr. Holden, who came specially to ride for the Li Po-chun stable, had the misfortune to be kicked by a pony just before the start in the Second Section of the Sydney Maiden Stakes on the First Day of the Meeting and rode only twice during the first four days. In spite of the accident, however, Mr. Holden was successful in riding A Surprising Time into third place in that race.

In the race immediately preceding, the Austral Valley Stakes, Mr. Holden was first on A Happy Time.

Interviewed after the accident, Mr. Holden expressed the hope of being able to ride on the following day, but it was found that the cut he sustained was more serious than at first thought, and on the Tuesday the unfortunate jockey was taken to the War Memorial Hospital, where he rested for a few days.

Mr. C. B. Moller, who to date has scored the most wins (6), is not certain when he will be returning to Shanghai.

ONE MILE  
1.58.1—Velvetlight (Moller, 159); 2. Oolong (Pollock, 159); 3. Charlesber (Chao, 152). ½ and many. A.M.4.  
1.59.3—World Fair View (Ph, 152); 2. Palber (Chao, 152); 3. Sam's Choice (Black, 149). Many and head. A.M.3.  
2.10.4—Oolong (Sokoloff, 159); 2. Velvetlight (Moller, 159); 3. Charlesber (Chao, 152). Short head and many. A.M.3.  
1¼ MILES  
2.41.0—Velvetlight (Moller, 152); 2. Eve of Deception (Coppin, 156); 3. Raconteur (Wei, 152). 3 and many. A.M.1.  
1½ MILES  
3.02.0—Oolong (Needa, 152); 2. Velvetlight (Moller, 152); 3. Lovelylight (Noodt, 152). 1 and 6. A.M.2.

### OLD CHINA PONIES

6 FURLONGS  
1.34.3—Eve of Peace (Wood, 155); 2. Lovely Star (Fung, 159); 3. Royal Wedding Eve (Feilden, 166). 6 and many. A.M.2.  
1 MILE  
1.54.0—Racylight (Noodt, 152); 2. Eve of Harvest (Davis, 152); 3. Spicylight (Moller, 155); 1 and 1½. A.M.3.  
1.58.3—Conquering Time (Moller, 150), and Eve of Reason (Davis, 153); 3. Hughber (Chang, 135). Dead heat and short head. A.M.2.

1 MILE 171 YARDS  
2.13.3—Gladiator (Chattley, 145); 2. Potentate (Chu, Ki-fan, 149); 3. Galveston Bay (Yul, 149); ½ and 3. A.M.4.  
2.10.2—Eve of Peace (Coppin, 154); 2. Eve of Hunting (Davis, 155); 3. Royal Wedding Eve (Sokoloff, 159). 4 and 8½. A.M.3.

1¼ MILES  
2.25.1—Navylight (Moller, 153); 2. Eve of Harvest (Davis, 153); 3. Confusion Bay (Needa, 156). Head and ¾. A.M.2.  
2.26.2—Confusion Bay (Black, 152); 2. Navylight (Moller, 152); 3. O-Lan (Needa, 149). 2 and 1. A.M.4.

1½ MILES  
3.26.1—O-Lan (Needa, 156); 2. Eve of Harvest (Davis, 149); 3. Burford (S. W. Tang, 152). 2 and short head. A.M.1.



# CYCLONES MAY RETARD ST. JOSEPH'S PROGRESS

## Crary, Pitcher Of The Year

### Mohawks Favoured Against Filipinos

By "Grandstand"

THE SCHEDULED softball programme for the season having been completed, re-arranged postponed games will comprise this week's five game attraction, featuring the St. Joseph's-Cyclones clash in the opener of the Senior League programme at 1.30 p.m. at Kowloon Football Club Ground.

### SOFTBALL PROGRAMME FOR TO-MORROW

#### SENIOR LEAGUE

(at the Kowloon Football Club Ground)  
St. Joseph's v Cyclones 1.30 p.m.  
Chinese Baseballers v Canadian Chinese 2.45 p.m.  
Hong Kong Baseballers v Filipinos 4.00 p.m.

#### LADIES LEAGUE

(at the Kowloon Football Club Ground)  
Chung Hwa v Canadian Chinese 9.15 a.m.  
Recreio Ramblettes v Little Flower Club 10.45 a.m.

### SWIMMING AT Y.M.C.A.

The European Y.M.C.A. swimming section held its annual meeting yesterday under the chairmanship of Mr. E. W. Railton, Assistant Secretary. Those present were Messrs. L. A. Benn (Hon. Secretary), R. Goldman (Water-polo Secretary), A. F. May, E. F. Paul, A. W. Ingram, T. R. Ingram, F. Willis, A. R. Hunt and R. G. Spenceclay.

Reviewing the past season's activities, Mr. Railton said they were most successful. Several galas had been held in aid of charity and \$2,469.15 had been given to the Bomber Fund, proceeds of the Inter-Hong gala realising \$2,280.

The exhibition by Japanese swimmers realised \$41, which was given to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. There were 32 water-polo matches held, far in excess of any previous season.

The following officers were elected. Chairman, Mr. C. F. Hyde; Secretary, Mr. E. W. Railton; Water-polo captain, R. Goldman; Naval representative, Acting Ldg. Tel. E. F. Paul; Army representative, P. S. M. Ure (Middlesex); Civilian members, A. F. May, L. A. Benn.

#### Crary In Form

At 2.45 p.m. Canadian Chinese clash with Chinese Baseballers in the Second Round of the 'Chinese classic.' The Lumen should be able to take this one easily, especially with hurler Denham Crary in deadly form.

Crary's splendid performance last week, against Mohawks, when he fanned no less than eight, marks him as the 'pitcher of the year.' Crary is not likely to find the Canuck hitters disturbing, since the only Canuck willow-wielder of any ability is first-sacker, Ross Mark.

Gegee Lee, now first-string pitcher for the Canadians, will probably toe the rubber, with Herbie Quon behind the plate. Ross Mark, Young Lee, Bill Woo and Luke Bunn will be the infielders.

In spite of their disappointing performance last week against Chinese Baseballers, Mohawks should be able to take the points from the Filipinos, when they tangle in the night-cap at 4.00 p.m.

Tatong Amper and Bob Laurel will be the battery for the Islanders, whilst Cy Jones will be tossing them in for the Waggoners.

### ARMY SNOOKER

Three matches in the Garrison Snooker League were played on Thursday, when R.A.M.C. beat Signals "A" 4-2, R.A.P.C. beat R.E. Sergeants 4-2, and Signals Corporals beat Military Police 4-2.

The R.A. Sergeants, Stanley match against Engineer's "A" was postponed because of the black-out.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	8	4	1	3	32
R.E. Sergeants	8	4	2	2	29
Engineers "A"	7	2	1	4	22
R.A.P.C.	8	2	3	3	21
R.A. Stanley	6	2	0	4	20
C. M. Police	7	1	2	4	20
Signals Corporals	8	2	4	2	19
Signals "A"	8	2	6	0	17

#### FANLING HUNT MEET

The meet of the Fanling Hunt to-morrow will be at 2.45 p.m. at Kidney Hill.

### CARDINALS' GESTURE TO COACH WALKER

By "Grandstand"

BOTH GAMES in the Ladies' double bill are expected to be rather dull affairs, with Canadian Chinese and Recreio Ramblettes probably enjoying track meets, to fatten their batting averages at the expense of the tail-enders, Chung Hwa lasses and Little Flowers.

In the Canadian Chinese v Chung Hwa curtain-raiser at 9.15 a.m. Canuckette hurler Mary Ng should be able to set up a new strike-out record, as Ella Chinn's Chung Hwa lasses are known to be weak willow welders.

The highest number of strike-outs registered in the ladies circuit, this season, was by Wahoo "Big Chief" Noronha, when she whiffed ten in a one-hitter against the Florinhas.

At 10.45 a.m. Mike Mendonca's Ramblettes wind up their league schedule, when they tangle with Little Flowers. Gerry Jorge and Melvie Campos will be the Recreio starting battery, with Ding Lopes, Cunny Remedios, Lolly Rodrigues and Olga Silva, making up the infield.

#### Fixtures Completed

Having completed their fixtures Cardinals had a "get together" last week, when Coach Daves Walker was presented with an inscribed cigarette case, as a token of gratitude for his untiring patience.

Assistant coaches, Sheridan "Romeo" Hamet and Vic Lim were also recipients of combination sets of pen and pencil.

### ARMY'S HOCKEY WIN

Army beat Royal Navy in the Quadrangular Hockey Tournament at Sookunpoo yesterday by four clear goals.

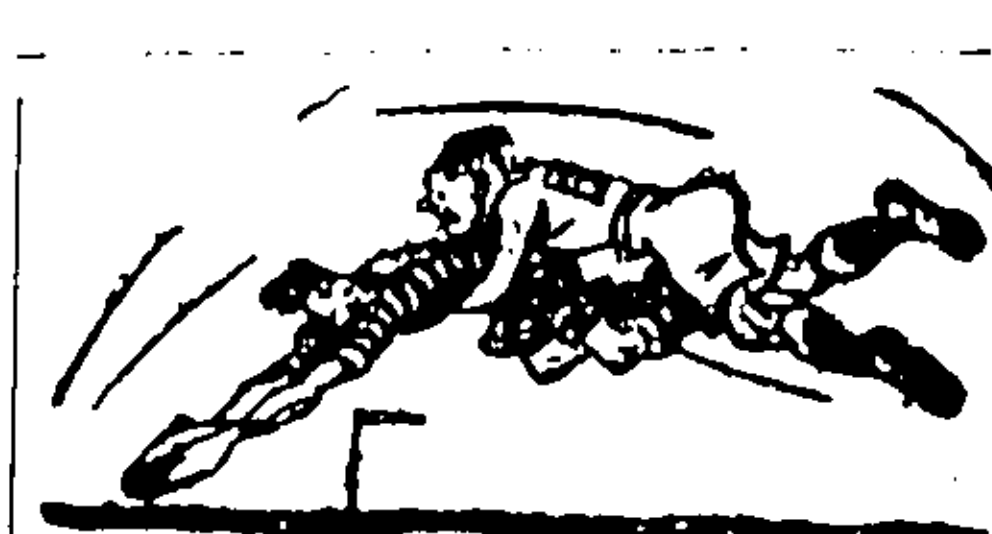
Army scored through Hitchcock in the first half, and Shaw, Hitchcock and Hemberg scored in the second half.

ARMY:—Dove; Anderson, Nieve; Waldron, Croston, Crawley; Singleton, Sheehan, Hitchcock, Shaw and Hemberg.

NAVY:—Ravenscroft; Paul, Gunner; Hall, Carter, Lemon; Finnie, Letts, Bartlett, Palmer and Kennedy.

#### La Salle Sports To-day

The tenth Annual Athletic meeting of La Salle College is being held this afternoon on the College ground, commencing at 1 p.m.



### TO-DAY'S RUGBY

One game in the seven a-side tournament and two friendly games comprise this afternoon's Rugby programme.

Royal Scots "A" meet A. N. Other in the Seven-a-Sides while Club "A" will play Police "A" at 3 p.m.

The other game is between Army and Navy holders of the quadrangular Tournament championship. All games will be played on Club ground.

The following will represent Army.

Lieut. Fairclough; Marsh, Richards, Hamlin and Birrell; Capt. Hook and Foley; Lieut. Bompas, Sutherland, Evans; Lieut. Millar, Lieut. Eddison; Page, Berry and Gillam.

### LITTLE WINS TITLE

Lawson Little, San Francisco professional recently won the \$5,000 Texas Open golf championship by returning a score of 273, fifteen under par, for 72 holes. He shot a 70 and a sizzling 67 in the final rounds at San Antonio, Tex.

Ben Hogan, Texas professional, clinched second money with sub-par 68 and 69 for an aggregate of 276. Third place went to Slingin' Sammy Snerd whose 68 and 77 gave him a total of 279.

### GRAPHIC GOLF



### Dragging The Clubhead

By BEST BALL

During the first few inches of the backstroke, expert golfers allow the clubhead to lag slightly behind the arm motion. The appearance suggests that of dragging the clubhead back and the wrists under such circumstances are flexed a bit backwards toward the ball. Such procedure gives one that sense of relaxation in swinging so sought after by the player and the weight of the clubhead can be felt before it is swung to the top of the stroke. As can be seen from observing the above illustrations, the clubhead at this point does not occupy the same position in respect to the arms as it occupied at address. In many instances the lag of the clubhead here is even more pronounced.

This is not the actual first movement of the backswing however. The initial movement starts in the roll over of the weight resting on the left foot across the ball of the foot to the inside. This flexes the ankle, relaxes the left side so that the whole body may subsequently turn with the greatest amount of ease.

Next Article:—Impact Action.

### TEN RECORDS ESTABLISHED

Ten records were broken at the King's College 11th Annual Athletic Sports held at Caroline Hill yesterday.

Following are the new records:  
100 metres (Junior):—Wong Man-ying. Time: 12.2/5 secs.  
400 metres (Senior):—Sin Kwok-bun. Time: 58 1/5 secs.  
High Jump (Junior):—Ching King-chow. Height: 5 ft. 3/4 in.  
Small Boys Long Jump:—Lee Cheuk-sang. Distance: 14 ft. 5 in.  
200 metres (Junior):—Leung Yiu-kow. Time: 28 3/5 secs.  
Small Boys High Jump:—Leo Cheuk-sang. Height: 4 ft. 2 in.  
1,500 metres (Senior):—Liu Sin-chi. Time: 5 min. 10.2/5 secs.  
Long Jump (Junior):—Wong Man-ying. Distance: 17 ft. 11 in.  
400 metres (Junior):—Wong Man-ying. Time: 54.4/5 secs.  
110 metres High Hurdles (Senior):—Wong Xi-lum. Time: 18.4/5 secs.



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## BETHLEHEM STEEL STRIKE SETTLED

Harry Bittner, leader of the men's union in the strike at the Bethlehem Steel Corporation's Lackawanna works, said yesterday that the Corporation and the workers' committee had approved a formula for settling the strike.

The workers unanimously approved a formula drafted by the Government, and production on valuable defence contracts will continue forthwith.

The plant employs 4,000 men.—Reuter.

## STOCK EXCHANGE BRIGHTNESS

The London Stock Exchange continued brighter yesterday influenced by the firmness of British Near East diplomacy, with a somewhat larger volume of business. The markets generally were firm, interest being mainly centred on industrial and oil, with Guinness and Cable and

## Bombing Of Italian Defence Lines

UNITS OF THE R.A.F. and the South African Air Force have given support to the Imperial troops on various fronts in East Africa. Considerable damage and casualties were caused when Italian troop positions south of Keren were bombed and machine-gunned.

A large transport aircraft was destroyed when Zula aerodrome was machine-gunned by other aircraft, says yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique, which also records the bombing of the railway track between Keren and Asmara and several direct hits on a large motor transport park and repair shops at Dessie.

The communique adds that on Feb. 27 bomber aircraft of the South African Air Force raided barracks at Bur Actaba and warehouses at Ischia Baidoa, and set several buildings afire.

Aircraft engaged on offensive reconnaissance beyond Buloburti, north of Mogadiscio, bombed lorries on the ground, destroying numbers of them and damaging many others.

Wireless firm. Courtaulds also improved on a higher dividend and Burma Oil was prominent, but Prudential Assurance weakened from 18½ to 17½ on a reduced dividend. Japanese loans were again bought. Wall Street was irregular.—Reuter.

### Damage In Tripoli

Further attacks on road transport were carried out in the Yavello and Neghell areas.

Photographs taken during a reconnaissance over Tripoli, the communique continues, show that as a result of the raid on the night of Feb. 24/25, two power station buildings were completely burned out.

Enemy aircraft attempted to raid Malta on Thursday but no damage and no casualties were caused.

From all operations covered by the communique all British aircraft returned safely.

The communique also records that two additional Italian aircraft were destroyed by Greek anti-aircraft fire on Thursday.—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

An order published in the "Gazette" this morning prohibits the export of firewood, except under license.

An addition to the Defence Regulations, under which any area in the Colony may be declared a defence area, appears in the "Gazette." Under the new regulation persons and property may be moved out of the area, and the entry of persons into the area prohibited.

A Shipping Control Board, to advise on matters relating to the control of shipping, has been formed under the chairmanship of Lt-Comm. J. Jolly, the Harbour Master. Other members are Mr. J. J. Paterson, Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Comm. D. H. S. Craven, Mr. T. Gould, Mr. W. H. Lock, Mr. S. T. Williamson and Mr. E. H. Ray.

The following appointments are Gazetted:

Prof. W. I. Gerrard to be a member of the Nurses Board.

Dr. P. B. Wilkinson to be a member of the Nurses Board.

Mr. A. R. S. Major to be a Member of the Committee to administer the Mercantile Marine Assistance Fund.

Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd to be a Director of the Widow's and Orphans' Pensions.

Messrs. D. J. Sloss and W. Fild resumed duty as Censor and Assistant Censor.

Dr. J. Durran to be a Member of the Medical Board.

Mr. R. D. Walker to be Director of Supply.

Mr. P. H. Suckling to be an Unofficial Justice of the Peace.

Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd nominated as a Member of the Council of the University of H.K.

Mr. Lo Man-hin to be a Member of the Food and Firewood Control Board.

Look out this evening for the Special Racing Edition of the "China Mail" which will appear on the streets at about 6.30 p.m. with a complete record and description of to-day's racing, together with the cash sweeps.

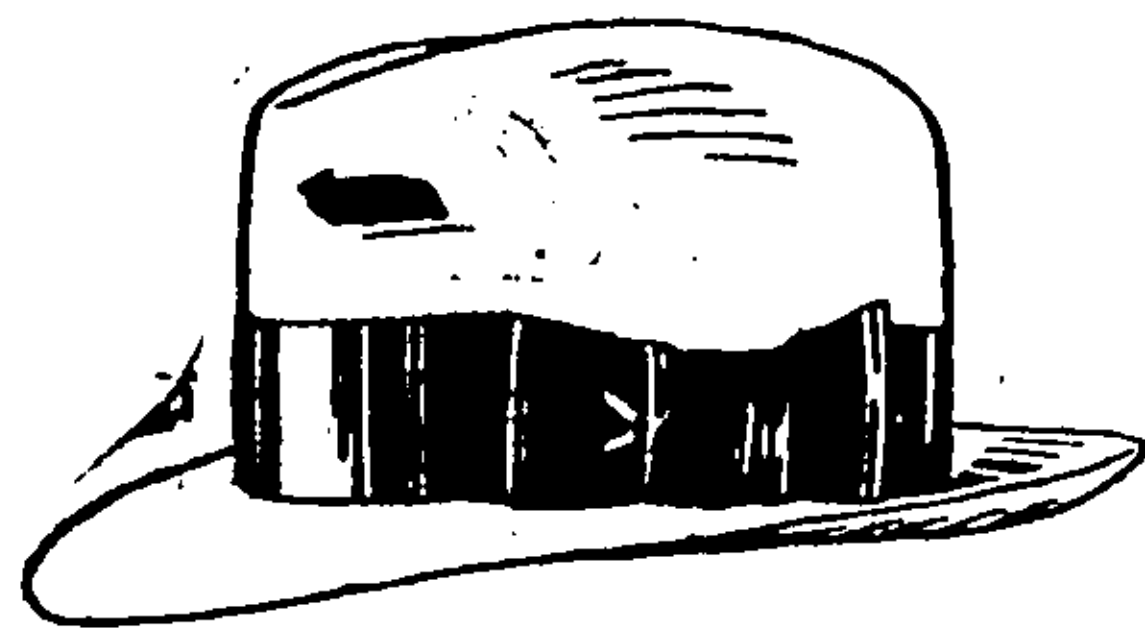


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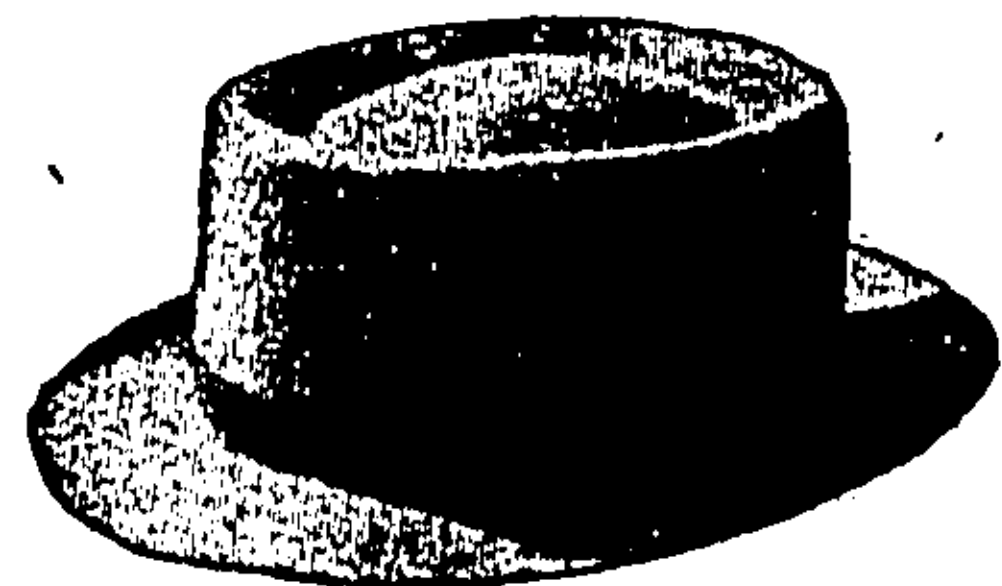


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## ALFONSO DIES IN PEACE

Ex-King Alfonso passed a quiet night but at 10.30 yesterday morning, just when his family was going to attend the funeral of his secretary, the Marquis of Torres, who predeceased him, he had another heart attack.

Professor Frugoni was summoned and administered adrenaline but the King grew worse and by 11.15 he was seen to be dying.

Father Lopez, the Spanish Jesuit who gave the ex-King the Extreme Unction before when he thought he was dying, did so again. The end came peacefully at 11.51.

Alfonso retained all his faculties to the last.

The funeral will be at the Church of St. Mary of the Angels.—Reuter.

### Lying In State

While four Spanish nuns knelt in silent prayer last night, notable Spanish and Italian personalities passed before the body of the late King Alfonso.

The chapel, where he is lying in state was illuminated only by the flicker of four wax candles. On the walls were the Coat of Arms of the Spanish Royal House.

Messages of condolence have been sent to the ex-King's family by His Holiness the Pope, members of the Italian Royal Family and Mussolini.—Reuter.

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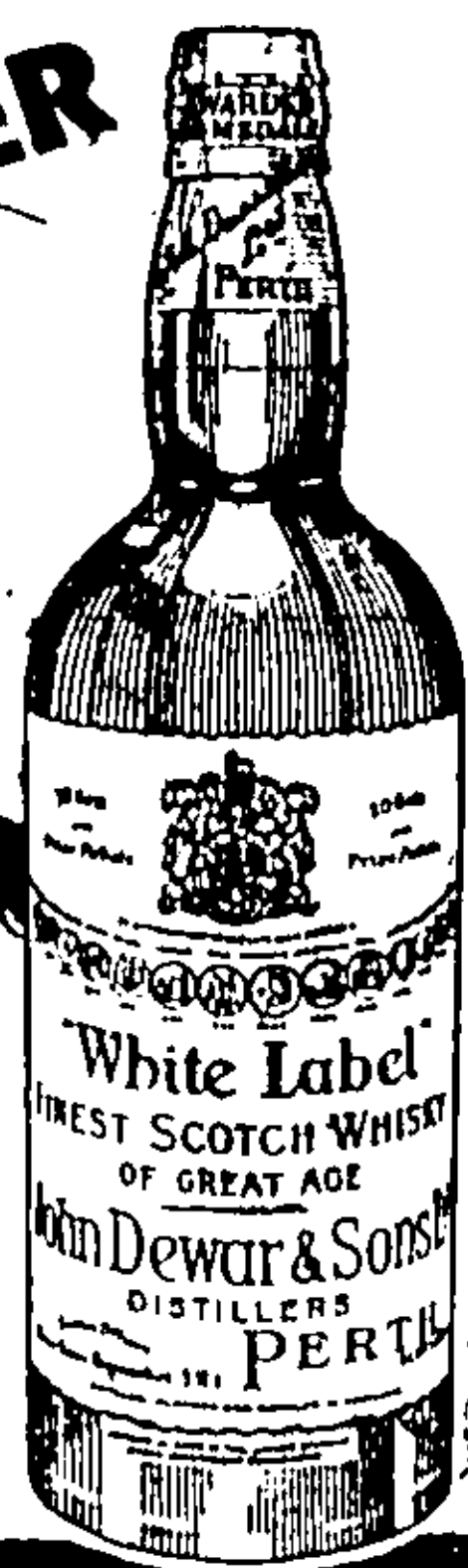






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Complete details of to-day's racing are as follows:

**1.—CAULFIELD STAKES.—**  
**One Mile.**  
Miss Li Po Chun's A Luxur-  
lous Time, 152 lb. .... 1  
(H. J. A. Hearne)  
Lan's Prairie View, 152 lb. .... 2  
(H. C. Pih)  
Why's National Courage, 152  
lb. .... 3  
(B. L. Tao)  
10 starters. Won by 3 lengths; 2  
lengths. Time: 26, 53, 1.20.1, 1.48.3.  
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$64.30;  
places, 1st \$15.70; 2nd \$7.50; 3rd  
\$13.60.

**BETTING FIGURES**

	Win	Place
Vis Major (Sokoloff, 152)	1899	1538
Prairie View (Pih, 152)	1047	1235
Gay Fox (Poy, 152)	639	513
National Courage (Tao, 152)	362	362
A. Luxurious Time (Hearne, 152)	299	290
Amusement Tax (Wei, 152)	33	64
Odin (Needa, 153)	25	93
Vanguard (Botelho, 152)	20	53
Ratio Decidendi (Lee, 147)	19	63
Man O' War (Yuen, 152)	13	39

**2.—FLEMINGTON PLATE.—**  
**(First Section).—One Mile.**  
Toots's A Surprising Time, 152 lb. .... 1  
(D. Black)  
C. H.'s Black Sea, 152 lb. .... 2  
(L. B. Chao)  
L. W. S.'s Corsair, 149 lb. .... 3  
(P. P. Botelho)  
24 starters. Won by 3 lengths; 3  
lengths. Time: 26.4, 53.3, 1.21.1,  
1.51.  
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$12.80;  
places, 1st \$6.30; 2nd \$7.40; 3rd  
\$9.30.

**BETTING FIGURES**

	Win	Place
A Surprising Time (Black, 152)	1712	1850
Black Seal (Chao, 152)	1016	981
Royal Sovereign (Noodt, 152)	686	559
Fresh Air (Needa, 152)	536	516
Corsair (Botelho, 149)	406	541
Optima Fide (Sokoloff, 152)	159	213
Daylight (Moller, 152)	104	183
The Hawk (Davis, 152)	97	132
Strathalbyn (Gregory, 149)	60	106
Anzac Day (Hearne, 149)	35	45

**BETTING FIGURES**

	Win	Place
Blue Gown (Lee, 144)	35	21
Starlight View (Pih, 149)	27	39
Corvette (Treverton, 152)	22	39
Jungle Love (Liang, 153)	17	30
Luxury (Chang, 152)	15	31
Leading Star (K. I. Ip, 152)	5	21
Saratoga (Chiu Ki-fan, 147)	5	17
Boneshaker (Wood, 147)	3	21
Chateaugay (Yuen, 152)	3	16
Crack Shot (Hoo, 141)	3	9
Friday (Chanson Feng, 144)	2	11
Red Rabbit (Pan, 152)	1	13
Seventy Six (Ho, 147)	1	8
Sunspot (Chui, 147)	1	5

**3.—N I L DESPERANDUM STAKES.—About One Mile 171 Yards.**  
Collene's Sam's Choice, 149 lb. .... 1  
(D. Black)  
Marber's Charlesber, 152 lb. .... 2  
(L. B. Chao)  
Iron's Iron Beauty, 152 lb. .... 3  
(P. Y. T. Wei)  
12 starters. Won by short head; 3 lengths. Time: 11.1, 39.3, 1.10.1, 1.40.2, 2.10.1.  
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$14.80; places, 1st \$5.30; 2nd \$5.20; 3rd \$5.90.

**BETTING FIGURES**

	Win	Place
Charlesber (Chao, 152)	3242	2374
Sam's Choice (Black, 149)	1848	2028
Iron Beauty (Wei, 152)	527	624
Love y View (Pih, 152)	177	201
Odeon (Needa, 153)	172	238
Eve of Deception (Lee, 144)	124	294
Raconteur (Yuen, 152)	38	116
Eve of Paradise (Wood, 147)	26	79
Night Express (Ip Kui-ying, 152)	23	67
Forty Six (Ho, 147)	13	35
Marber (Hoo, 147)	12	34
National Integrity (Tao, 152)	withdrawn	

**4.—HAPPY VALLEY SPRING HANDICAP.—One Mile.**  
T. K. L.'s Hillsboro' Bay, 152 lb. .... 1  
(V. V. Needa)  
Marber's Hughber, 138 lb. .... 2  
(G. Treverton)  
Marber's Lilliber, 143 lb. .... 3  
(H. S. Chang)  
19 starters. Won by short head; head. Time: 29, 58, 1.27.3, 1.58.1.  
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$25.40; places, 1st \$9.60; 2nd \$18.20; 3rd \$18.60.

**BETTING FIGURES**

	Win	Place
Johnber (Chao, 157)	2240	1679
Hillsboro' Bay (Needa, 152)	1284	1422
Galaxy (Noodt, 135)	1041	917
Avon (Black, 139)	766	769
Lilliber (Chang, 143)	480	486
Hopetul Star (Wei, 143)	438	417
Hughber (Treverton, 138)	375	499
Ronson (Poy, 144)	306	313
Humdrum Eve (Pih, 140)	170	177
Thirty Six (Ho, 130)	89	206
Red Feather (Hearne, 144)	61	90
Jennifer (S. W. Tang, 140)	58	46
Blue Diamond (Lee, 134)	20	66
Jobber (Chiu, 130)	24	13
Lancashire Lass (K. I. Ip, 135)	14	33
Expansion Time (Tang Man-wa, 138)	13	20
King Kong (Hoo, 130)	10	29
Rob Roy (Yuen, 135)	6	30
English Cavalier (Tao, 152)	withdrawn	

**5.—YARRA STAKES.—About Half Mile 170 Yards.**  
Eu Tong Sen's Gloaming, 152 lb. .... 1  
(W. G. Poy)  
T. & E.'s Hascossay, 152 lb. .... 2  
(W. H. S. Davis)  
Lee Bros.' Locus Standi, 152 lb. .... 3  
(M. M. Sokoloff)  
10 starters. Won by 3 lengths; short head. Time: 10.1, 35, 1.02.2.  
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$33.30; places, 1st \$11.00; 2nd \$6.50; 3rd \$12.20.

**BETTING FIGURES**

	Win	Place
Gloaming (Poy, 152)	538	513
Graceful View (Pih, 152)	280	319
Hascossay (Davis, 152)	2088	2083
Iron Belle (Wei, 152)	43	417
Kalin g's Welcome (Needa, 152)	1771	1812
Locus Standi (Sokoloff, 152)	830	424
Crack Shot (Hoo, 141)	210	213

**BETTING FIGURES**

	Win	Place
Riverside (Botelho, 152)	78	102
Subpoena (Tang Man-wa, 152)	9	25
Tropical Love (Liang, 152)	401	406

**6.—TAIPING HANDICAP.—One Mile.**  
H. Leigh's Eve of Dancing, 154 lb. .... 1  
(R. M. Wood)  
Eve's Eve of Folly, 156 lb. .... 2  
(W. H. S. Davis)  
Eu Tong Sen's Rose Jane, 149 lb. .... 3  
(P. P. Botelho)  
15 starters. Won by 2 lengths; head. Time: 29.1, 59.1, 1.30.2, 2.01.0.  
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$13.40; places, 1st \$8.20; 2nd \$19.90; 3rd \$27.40.

**BETTING FIGURES**

	Win	Places
Eve of Dancing (Wood, 154)	2245	1687
Galveston Bay (Noodt, 140)	1763	1690
Eve of Folly (Davis, 156)	553	367
Potentate (Chiu Ki-fun, 151)	521	603
Strathannock (Black, 138)	485	583
Rose Jane (Botelho, 149)	330	244
Blue Field (Lee, 137)	274	260
Taxing Master (Wei, 142)	177	199
Advancing Time (Chang, 148)	156	226
Booat Bay (Hoo, 135)	101	185
Rose Evelyn (Hearne, 144)	78	96
Guinness Time (Pan, 135)	55	67
Just In Time (Tang, Man-wa, 144)	32	45
Celtic Star (Treverton, 135)	30	94
Musketeer (Yuen, 142)	29	45

**7.—FLEMINGTON PLATE.—(Second Section).—One Mile.**

Sailbad the Sinner's Mainsail, 152 lb. .... 1  
(D. Black)  
Miss Li Po Chun's A Rosy Time, 149 lb. .... 2  
(H. J. A. Hearne)  
Tester & Abraham's The Koala Bear, 152 lb. .... 3  
(S. W. Tang)  
18 starters. Won by 5 lengths; 1/2 length. Time: 27.1, 54.4, 1.22.2, 1.50.3.  
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$6.60; places, 1st \$6.10; 2nd \$25.40; 3rd \$18.50.

**BETTING FIGURES**

	Win	Place
Mainsail (Black, 152)	4777	3370
Eug'e (Moller, 149)	683	1388
Snow White (Pih, 149)	466	695
The Koala Bear (S. W. Tang, 152)	400	451
Sydney Diamond (Wei, 152)	173	237
Bendigo (Chao, 152)	121	298
A Rosy Time (Hearne, 149)	107	187
Tien Tien (Pan, 149)	67	99
High Hat (Liang, 152)	47	108
National Endurance (Tao, 152)	39	60
Buckfastleigh (Davis, 152)	31	43
Tobaccochip (Botelho, 149)	30	98
Casino (Tang Man-wa, 149)	14	42
Rocky Beach (Ho, 147)	14	8
Vigor (Treverton, 152)	10	25
Macy (Woo, 144)	5	17
War Tax (Lee, 147)	4	7
May (Chui, 147)	2	7

**8.—PROFESSIONAL CUP AND AUSTRALIAN SUBSCRIPTION PONIES CHAMPIONS. One and a Quarter Miles.**

Necan's United Express, 152 lb. .... 1  
(Ip Kui-ying)  
F. W. Lee's Jus Gentium, 150 lb. .... 2  
(M. M. Sokoloff)  
Li Chi Choh's Happy Returns, 151 lb. .... 3  
(L. B. Chao)

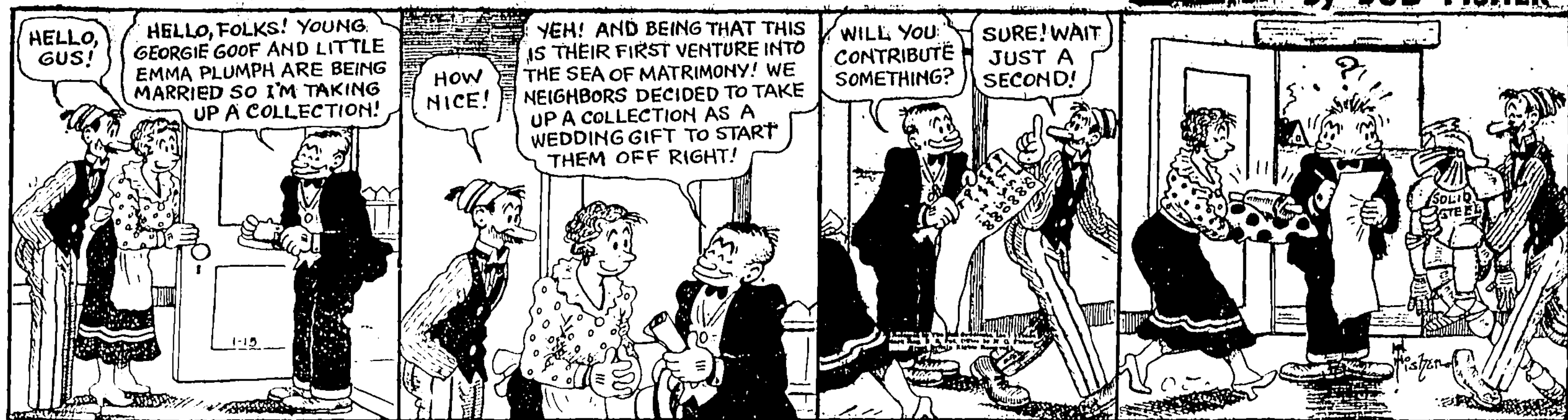
7 Starters. Won by 3 lengths; 1/2 length. Time: 26.3, 53.2, 1.20, 1.49, 2.18.1.  
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$6.70; places, 1st \$5.60; 2nd \$8.50; 3rd \$13.00.

**BETTING FIGURES**

	Win	Place
United Express (Ip Kui-ying)	4486	3148
Endeavour (Moller, 152)	1114	1029
Manhattan (Hearne, 149)	467	406
Jus Gentium (Sokoloff, 150)	382	519
Happy Returns (Chao, 151)	156	224
Maple Leaf (Needa, 151)	30	134
Santa Anita (Liang, 152)	78	180



## MUTT AND JEFF



# RACE WEEK WAS NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT MR. DUNBAR

"The biggest thrill I ever got during my connection with racing in Hong Kong was when Mrs. Dunbar won the Derby, with Sitting Bull (Maitland) in 1928. I was so excited I nearly fell out of the Stand", said Mr. Lambert Dunbar, one of the most popular owners ever to have raced in Hong Kong and whose retirement from racing last April, when he sold his string of ponies to T.K.L., was regretted by every racing fan in the Colony.

"I did not attend the Annual Race Meeting this year", Mr. Dunbar went on. "We decided to spend the holidays out at Fanling instead. I must do one thing or the other; if I have no ponies, well then, there's no fun going to the races."

Thus, the Race Week of 1941, although successful in many respects despite unfavorable weather conditions, was incomplete through the conspicuous absence of the well-known Dunbar racing colours.

It was the first time since 1924 that punters did not have the

pleasure of focussing their glasses on the generally well-fancied "Pink and Green Hoops" as the fields thundered down the back stretch, or came tearing into the home straight.

It was as far back as 1924 that Mr. Dunbar started racing in a modest way with one subscription griffin called River Grass, but he soon acquired a stable that became a power in the land and it became an accepted fact, at Annual Race Meetings and "Extras" alike, that where there was a big race going, the Dunbar representative had to be seriously reckoned with.

Three years after his debut as an owner Mr. Dunbar won the Blue Riband of the local Turf when his Elliot Bay, ridden by Mr. Norman Dallas, showed a clean pair of heels to Canadian (Sokoloff) and Misty Eve (Pote-Hunt).

The following year Mr. Dunbar had the even greater satisfaction of seeing his wife's griffin, Sitting Bull (Maitland), carrying off the most coveted prize amongst owners, and in Mr. Dunbar's own words he was so excited he "nearly fell out of the Stand".

After this Mr. Dunbar met with success after success and in all he won the Derby three times, Diana Bay and Liberty Bay being the other two ponies to bring this honour to his stable.

Mr. Dunbar has won the Challenge Cup four years in succession, the Maiden Stakes twice, the Ladies' Purse five times, the Foochow Cup six times, and the Champion Stakes eight times—with Elliot Bay once, Diana Bay

three times and Liberty Bay four times.

In this connection it is interesting to note that Mr. Dunbar holds a record that will perhaps remain unparalleled in the annals of racing in Hong Kong—that of winning seven Champions in a row, which feat he brought off with Diana Bay (1930-1932) and Liberty Bay (1933-1936) and eight in nine years—Elliot Bay's success was followed by Mrs. Dunbar's triumph with Sitting Bull.



MR. L. DUNBAR

Mr. Dunbar enjoyed phenomenal success and had won every event for griffins at one time or another. Boolat Bay's surprise win over Royal Scot in 1936 giving him the hitherto unparalleled clean sweep.

It is noteworthy, however, that he has had no success to his name in the "Subs" class and the answer probably lies in the fact that he could not raise sufficient interest in them after having had six in a year, and not seeing one of them go to the post!

Mr. Dunbar considers Billy Hill, the veteran Shanghai jockey who, incidentally is down here for the Race Week in the role of a spectator, "the best amateur jockey" he has ever seen, while he holds the opinion that his Liberty Bay, at its best, could not have provided a finish to compare with Mr. Eric Moller's late Silkylight, the only pony that beat it. Mr. Dynasty's King's Warden was another griffin of which he thought highly.

## Mrs. Dunbar's Record

Mrs. Dunbar, like her husband, has also retired from racing, but unlike him she has not sold all her ponies. She has retained Bear Claw, winner of the Maidens and Grand Stand Stakes in 1936, and of the Victoria Stakes in 1937 and 1938, and this gallant pony is now enjoying a well-earned retirement at Fanling. It will not be raced again.

Mrs. Dunbar won her first big event in 1928, when her Sitting Bull (Maitland) won the Hong



Mrs. Dunbar, probably the most successful lady owner in the history of the Jockey Club.

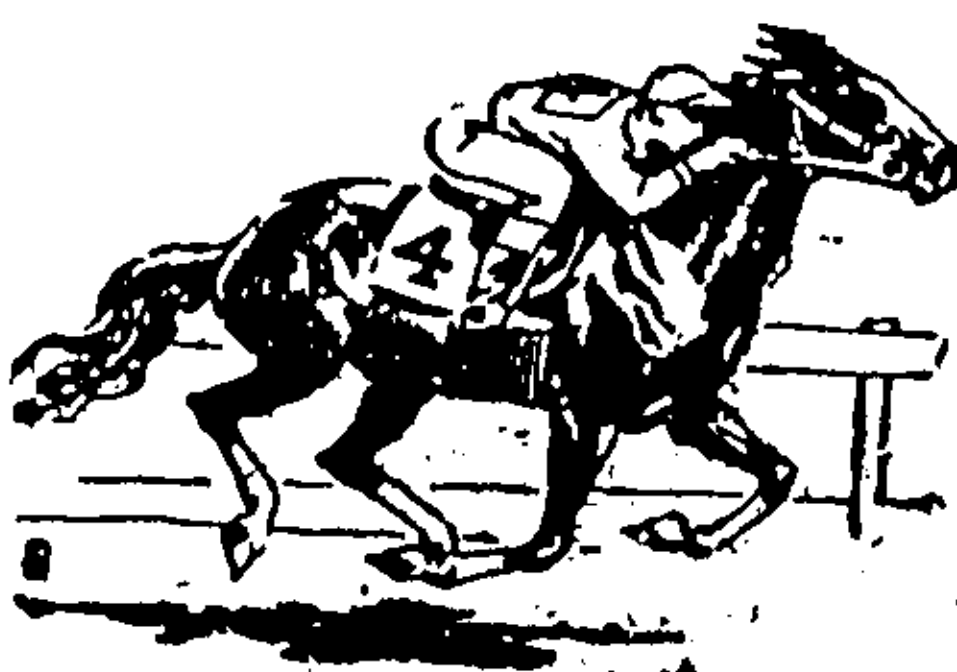
## OOLONG'S DEFEAT

Mr. H. C. Pih, the well-known local jockey, commenting on the result of the Tyro Stakes, 10th Race on the Fourth Day of the Annual Race Meeting, said he was not surprised that Oolong, the Derby winner, which was ridden by Mr. George Pollock, the veteran Shanghai jockey, was beaten by Velvetlight, ridden by Mr. C. B. Moller.

Mr. Pih said, "Don't forget that when Oolong went to the Post she must have been a very tired pony. She had won a race the previous day, when carrying a penalty of seven pounds, and the going was very heavy."

"Then we must also take into consideration the fact that Mr. Pollock was out for the first time on our Course after many, many years."

"Taken all in all," Mr. Pih concluded, "I think Mr. Pollock rode a very fine race and every credit must go to him."



Kong Derby and then, for the next four years in succession this pony beat all-comers in the Challenge Cup, while it also won the Champion Stakes in 1929. It is interesting to record that on each occasion the successful jockey was Mr. Billy Hill.

Most prized amongst Mrs. Dunbar's many trophies won on the Race Course is the American Club Cup, which her Red Feather, with Mr. L. G. Frost up, won in 1937.

Below is listed Mrs. Dunbar's more important successes during her association with racing in Hong Kong:

Hong Kong Derby:—1928—Sitting Bull (Maitland).

Champion:—1929—Sitting Bull (Hill).

Challenge Cup:—1929-1932 Sitting Bull, Hill being the jockey on each occasion.

Foochow Cup:—1932 Sitting Bull (Hill); 1933 Sitting Bull (Frost).

Maiden Stakes:—1936—Bear Claw (Frost).

Grand Stand Stakes:—1936—Bear Claw (Frost).

American Club Cup:—1937—Red Feather (Frost).

Victoria Stakes:—1937—Bear Claw (Frost); 1938—Bear Claw (Maitland).

Chater Cup:—Red Feather (Maitland).

## Mr. Woo Not Riding Again Until October

"I HAD A CHAT WITH D. S. LI JUST BEFORE I CAME DOWN HERE AND HE WARNED ME TO BE CAREFUL OF THE SHARP CORNERS IF I WAS GOING TO RIDE AT ALL IN HONG KONG," SAID D. G. WOO, THE TIENTSIN JOCKEY, IN THE COURSE OF AN INTERVIEW WITH THE "CHINA MAIL" YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, WHEN HE SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT BE TAKING FURTHER PART IN THE RACING HERE UNTIL, HE HOPED, SOME TIME IN OCTOBER, WHEN HE PLANS TO VISIT THE COLONY AGAIN.

Mr. Woo added that he proposed to stay here long enough then in order to have plenty of time to get used to the Course before the Annual Meeting of 1942.

It will be remembered that Mr. Woo was riding Jungle Princess on the first day of the Annual Meeting when the pony came down as the field was passing the Golf Club. He was picked up unconscious from the Course and was taken to the French Hospital, where he was detained for two days.

Mr. Woo said that when he arrived in Hong Kong last December, he had no intention of riding at the Race Meeting, but since his arrival here he had been persuaded by friends to take out a few ponies, and he felt greatly disappointed that his accident had robbed him of the pleasure of riding on all five days of the Race Week.

## Learns In Hankow

Mr. Woo learned his riding in Hankow and took part in his first race as long ago as 1923. His most successful season was in 1937 when, in the first half of the year in Tientsin, he was third in the jockeys' list with over 30 winners to his credit.

"Then", said Mr. Woo, "the Sino-Japanese hostilities broke out, and that was the end of racing in Tientsin."

Mr. Woo said that he first visited Hong Kong in 1939, when he had a couple of rides at one of the Extra meetings.

Mr. Woo said he preferred racing on China ponies to Australians and added that in the case of the former a fairly good pony always

stood a chance of catching up on a field even after a bad start, because China ponies "had more finish" than the Australians.

In the case of the latter, he went on, even the best of them was as good as out of the race if handicapped by a bad start.

Mr. Woo will be leaving for the North in about two weeks, but he hopes to return to Hong Kong again later in the year and is looking forward to the next Racing Carnival here.

## MONEY BACK IN 4 DAYS

It is interesting to record the fact that Distant View, Mr. Lan's Australian griffin, has already paid for itself after only four days of racing.

This animal, which cost its owner \$8,000 as the "initial outlay", was the second most expensive of the griffins that arrived from Australia together with the "Subs" last October. Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Gloaming topped the list at \$8,100.

Up till last Tuesday, Distant View had collected exactly \$8,000 in Stakes money for its owner—\$3,500 for its win in the Austral Derby, \$1,750 for its win in the Austral Maiden Stakes, \$1,750 for first place in the Chater Cup and \$1,000 for second place in the Australian Ponies Champions.

## NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES WINNERS

Following is a list of winners of the Nil Desperandum Stakes over the last 10 years:—

1931—Good Day (Pih) in 1.16.1.

1932—First Section: Philanderer (Clark) in 2.11.2; Second Section: Cy-pres (T. L. Wong) in 2.11.2.

1933—Burgomaster (Clark) in 2.08.1.

1934—First Section: Copper Idol (Chang) in 2.18.2; Second Section: Chow Fan (Harri-man) in 2.18.2.

1935—First Section: Emergency Call (Encarnacao) in 2.09.3; Second Section: Touchstone (Frost) in 2.08.4.

1936—First Section: Public Hero No. 1 (Encarnacao) in 2.21.2; Second Section: Celebration Time (Needa) in 2.18.2.

1937—First Section: Shipmaster (H. M. Pih) in 2.07.2; Second Section: Tempest (Wong) in 2.07.1.

1938—First Section: Salvage Master (Black) in 2.08.2; Second Section: The Leopard (Encarnacao) in 2.08.2.

1939—First Section: Starlet (P. A. Chiu) in 2.08.2; Second Section: Chatterbox (Encarnacao) in 2.04.

1940—No event.

## HAPPY VALLEY SPRING HANDICAP WINNERS

Following is a list of winners of the Happy Valley Spring Handicap since 1932:—

1932—"A" Class: Fortune Bay (McCann) in 2.18; "B" Class: Lobster Bay (Botelho) in 2.23.2.

1933—"A" Class: King's Justice (Needa) in 2.12.3 (Record); "B" Class: Alexandra Hall (Heard) in 2.18.2.

1934—"A" Division: King's Justice (Chang) in 2.19.4; "B" Division: Jungle Jim (T. L. Wong) in 2.26.4.

1935—"A" Division: Ribble (Needa) in 2.12.2 (Record); "B" Division: West Parade (Heard) in 2.19.

1936—"A" Division: King's Jubilee (Pih) in 2.22.3; "B" Division: Mersey (Pih) in 2.24.1.

1937—"A" Division: Soldier of Britain (Pih) in 2.08.2 (Equals Record); "B" Division: Harvest View (T. L. Wong) in 2.13.3.

1938—"A" Division: Soldier of Honour (Pote-Hunt) in 2.08.2 (Equals Record); "B" Division: Boolat Bay (Maitland) in 2.14.

1939—First Section: Rob Roy (Encarnacao) in 2.07.4; Second Section: Rob Roy (Encarnacao) in 2.11.

1940—No event.



# 'FATHER OF THE JOCKEY CLUB'

## EVACUATION OF BRITONS FROM SAIGON

Reports from Tokyo that all British subjects have strict orders to leave Saigon, are not entirely correct, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

The truth is that sometime ago British subjects in Indo-China who had no very pressing reasons for remaining in the country were advised to leave.—Reuter.

## THAILAND DESIRES FRIENDSHIP

The Thai Prime Minister, Luang Pibula Songgram, reiterated in Bangkok yesterday Thailand's desire for "equal friendship with all friendly powers," says the Thailand radio.

Ex-King Praj Tipok of Siam was reported to have said in an interview that "under an absolute monarchy the people of Thai knew that Thailand was included in Japan's expansion scheme."

"At that time Thailand's policy was one of maintaining a very intimate friendship with Britain. It is to be hoped the present Government will not change this policy."

The Bangkok radio commentator yesterday stated that the Thai Prime Minister doubted the accuracy of the statement.

He pointed out it was inconsistent with the Thai National Assembly's declared policy of maintaining equal friendship with all friendly powers.—Reuter.

## Hon. Mr. Wm. Mercer Serves On 1st Committee

By Paul Gregory

IMPATIENT horses, excited by the fluttering flags, the dull roar of the crowd, the shouts of the book-makers, and the tantalising propinquity of one another, petulantly tossed their heads to ease the strain on their bits, and jumped forward only to be curbed and brought back into line.

The starter watched intently for the line to form in preparation for giving the signal.

Wh-t-t! The starter's flag jerked through the air. Each steed leapt forward like an arrow from the bow. Clang-clang, the starting bell rang out. "They're off!" came the cry from thousands of throats as the sleek Colonial horses tore



down the track, the drumming of their hoofs reverberating in the ensuing silence as patrons of the turf breathlessly watched the straining competitors with silks-clad jockeys hunched up on their backs urging them on with all the will power and nerve they possessed.

Among the group in the flag-decked matchless Grand Stand, eyes glued to binoculars, viewing the race with keen appreciation was the Hon. William Thomas Mercer, Colonial Secretary and Steward of Hong Kong Jockey Club.

### Farewell Flagon

AS he was about to proceed Home on long leave of absence, he had presented a cup to the Race Club, which his fellow committeemen had aptly dubbed the "Farewell Flagon," in recognition of the donor's lengthy connection with the "Sport of Kings" in the Colony.

He had earned the affectionate title of the "Father of the Jockey Club" because he had served on the original Race Committee in 1845, and had through his ardent patronage of the royal sport, as

promoter, race-horse owner, and Steward of the Club, made it a boundless success and the greatest amenity in the Hong Kong of that period.

One can almost imagine his thoughts, and experience the pride that filled his breast, as he followed the progress of the race for his cup on that February day in 1857.

To the throngs of race-goers that race was a specially exciting one, and the fortuitous circumstance that it was being run for Mr. Mercer's flagon made it more interesting than ever. Five horses, Tartar, Elphin, Omer Pasha, Cygnet and Corsair took the field. Elphin was the hot favourite with the punters, and as it was expected to come in first, the race was regarded as a "dead cinch," and heavy wagers were laid accordingly. But Lady Luck had apparently decided to give all bettors an extra run for their money; for though Elphin was off and away at the start, it was speedily perceived that there was a "dark horse" among those galloping steeds. This was Tartar, and, though outpaced in the first few lengths, it kept plugging away, gaining upon Elphin inch by inch, and then, when in sight of the Judge's Stand, it put on a sudden burst of speed and shot to the front to win by a length, with Elphin second, followed by Omer Pasha and Cygnet.

It was a grand race, and the element of surprise which accompanied it rendered it doubly thrilling. The "Farewell Flagon" had been fairly won, and it was with the greatest satisfaction that Mr. Mercer awarded the trophy to the proud owner who led in his stead amid the plaudits of the crowd.

### Stable Renowned For Arab Steeds

READERS of the present day may not be familiar with the name of this old-time Steward and patron of racing, but in the early days of the Colony he was a famous personality of the local turf. His racing-stable was re-



nowned for its magnificent Arabs, and two of these, The Hadji and Grenadier distinguished themselves as among the swiftest horses of the period, and in the race-meets of the early 'fifties carried off a gratifying number of firsts.

He was the nephew of Sir John Davis, the second Governor of Hong Kong, and during his sojourn of nearly 23 years in the Colony, had occupied various offices in the Government including that of Colonial Secretary, Auditor-General and President of the Treasury Commission. He arrived here as young man of 23 early in May 1844, as a member of the extensive entourage which his uncle had brought with him to form the personnel of the newly-constituted Colonial Government.

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## TWO NEW RACES

This event is being introduced for the first time this year and is for Australian griffins of this meeting, winners barred. It is over a distance of a mile.

Another race, also for Australian griffins of this year, is the Yarra Stakes. It will be run from the 1½-mile Post (about half-a-mile 170 yards). Winners at this meeting barred.

His first position was that of Private Secretary to his uncle, and it was while serving in this capacity that he began to manifest an interest in horse-racing. The sport soon became his special hobby, and on the formation of the Race Committee during the following year (1845) he became one of the staunchest supporters of the Jockey Club which was shortly after to come into existence. As he progressed in his various offices in the administration, he became more and more the leader of the local turf, and it is due to his foresight that racing in Hong



Kong has become what it is today—the diversion of the multitude.

Racing circles in the Colony were indeed deprived of their most valued supporter when he left for Home on well-earned retirement on May 13, 1867. His death at Reading, Berks, some six years later was greatly regretted; for with his passing the "Sport of Kings" lost the man who for more than twenty years had been its doyen on these shores, and the one who perhaps more than any other was responsible for the early development and progress of that premier racing institution of the Far East—Hong Kong Jockey Club.

### TAIPING HANDICAP

This race was first introduced into the Annual Race Meeting programme last year, when the First Section was won by Willynilly (C. F. Chiu) in 1.29.3 and the Second Section by Bressay (Hearne) in 1.31.4. The distance was over Six Furlongs.

This event is again being held this year, but the distance has been increased to a mile, and entries are confined to China ponies, classified "C" Class, winners at the Annual Race Meeting barred.

### BENARBA HANDICAP

This event, for Australian Subscription Ponies, classified "C" Class, was introduced last year. Over a distance of a mile, it was won by Twilight Star (Hearne) in 1.47.4.

## FLEMINGTON PLATE WINNERS

Following is a list of winners of the Flemington Plate over the last 10 years:—

- 1931—Woodland Stag (Quincey) in 1.54.4.
- 1932—Friar Tuck (Rothe) in 2.12.1.
- 1933—Rosy Morn (Wong) in 1.08.3 (Record).
- 1934—Atacritty (Frost) in 1.07.4.
- 1935—Mount Pilatus (Black) in 1.04.4.
- 1936—The Dunlin (Frost) in 1.11.3.
- 1937—Double Finesse (Frost) in 1.03.3.
- 1938—Derby Day (S. W. Tang) in 1.00.2.
- 1939—Bredon (Proulx) in 1.01.3.
- 1940—Conniebeer (Gram) in 1.00.2.

It is interesting to note that in 1931 this event was known as the Flemington Handicap.

## PROFESSIONAL CUP AND AUSTRALIAN SUBSCRIPTION PONIES CHAMPIONS

This event was inaugurated in 1932 and following is a complete list of winners to date:—

- 1932—Polar Star (Li) in 2.28.3.
- 1933—Night Star (Li) in 2.18.2 (Record).
- 1934—Bronze Era (Deitz) in 2.24.2 (Record).
- 1935—Able Amazon (Li) in 2.13.3 (Record).
- 1936—Able Amazon (Li) in 2.25.4.
- 1937—Strathroy (Black) in 2.10.3 (Record).
- 1938—Strathroy (Black) in 2.12.4.
- 1939—Lucky Lad (Needa) in 2.15.3.
- 1940—Far View (Pih) in 2.10.4.

It is to be noted that up to 1940 this event was known as The Australian Ponies Champions.

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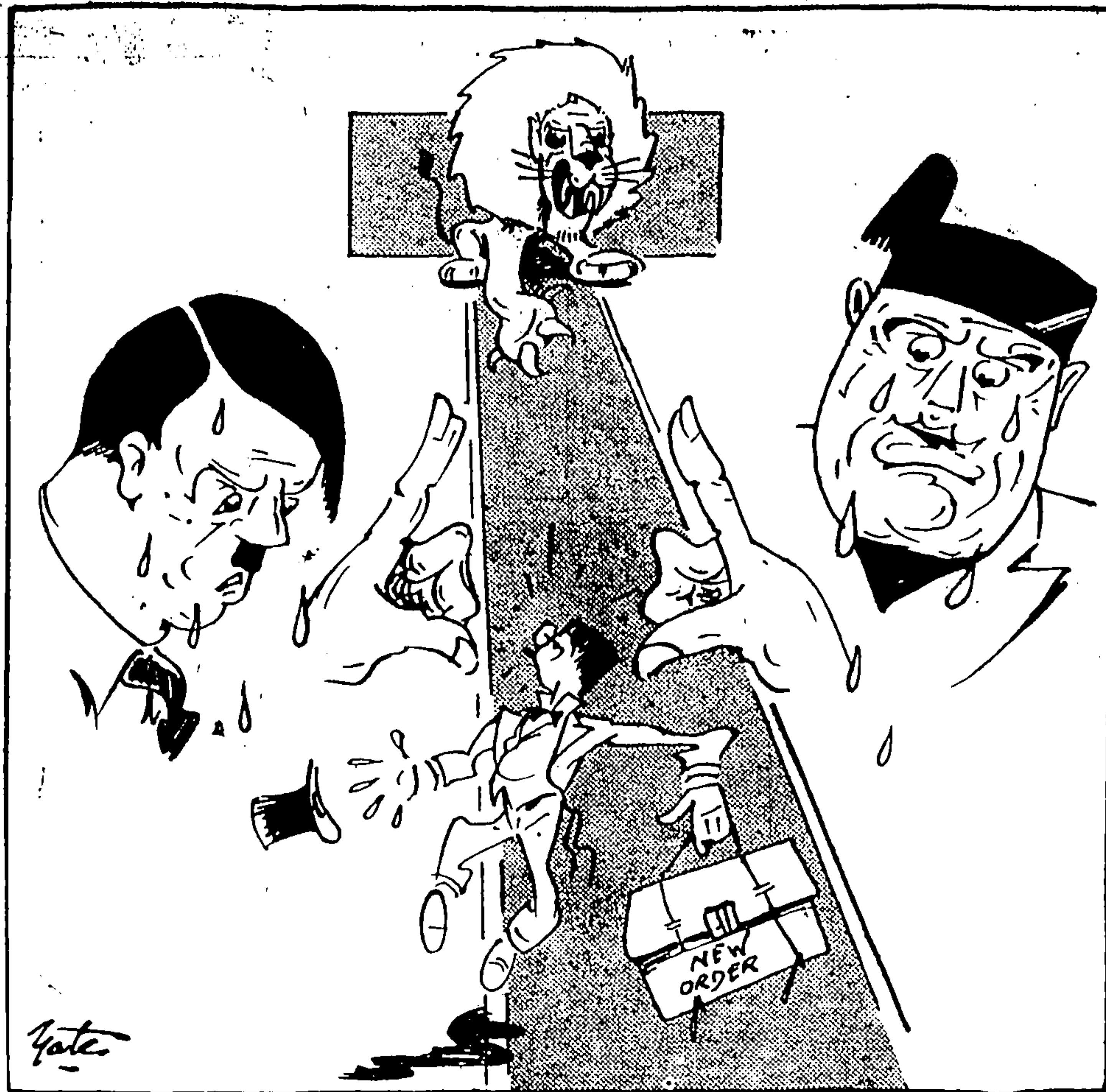
The quality of the information officially disclosed, or permitted to be disclosed, by the British Government continues to provide matter for controversy. There are two requirements, not easily reconciled. A reputation for strict veracity must be established; it is obvious on the other hand that much less than the whole truth can be told. In practice it is wise to aim at least at persuading friend and enemy alike that the only trustworthy meaning to be extracted from official utterances is that conveyed by the plain sense of the words, and that ingenious efforts at "reading between the lines" can only deceive the reader. This persuasion is not at present being attained.

Some American newspapers, for instance, recently printed a number of articles from their correspondents in London, taking a very gloomy view of British shipping prospects and war production, as affected by the enemy's air attack. The impression is being fostered (not without German assistance) that we are near the end of our resources. They comment fairly but very unfavourably on the air raid communiqués, particularly on the suppression of names of the larger towns bombed. They argue, not unnaturally, that these laborious attempts to conceal the unconcealable cast doubt upon all our official pronouncements; and so, looking for what may perhaps be hidden beneath the words of, for instance, British Treasury experts in Washington, they rouse suspicion that the plain statement of an urgent need for American help may misrepresent the facts in one of two opposite ways. Either the situation is very much worse than Britain admits, or we are deliberately exaggerating its gravity in the hope of inducing America to assume a burden that we could well bear ourselves.

If our American friends are capable of so misunderstanding us, our spokesmen must have given them some reason. An enemy, such as the Editor of the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," may reach similar results by merely applying to British statements the correction that the whole world applies as a matter of course to those of Dr. Goebbels. According to this paper, a campaign of pessimism is now being pursued in England; it began with Lord Chatfield's broadcast, and reached its pinnacle with the late Lord Lothian's observations in America.

Lord Chatfield, it will be remembered, called on his hearers to face the indubitable truth that the enemy will be able to exert upon our Atlantic shipping in 1941 a threat that it may tax the resources of the Navy to parry. The late Lord Lothian was the first to tell the President of the American people that our great purchases of munitions of war from them have nearly exhausted our available assets in the United States, and that the transfer of the much greater supplies which, for their own sake as much as for ours, they are eager to send us in the future, will raise fresh financial problems for British and American statesmanship to solve. For the Editor of the "D.A.Z." to admit the existence of a challenge to the Navy is clearly the same thing as to surrender to it; and he claims in so many words that the Ambassador's analysis of the financial situation is a confession of Imperial bankruptcy.

These absurd distortions spring from the native incapacity of the Nazi mind to comprehend the way in which public men in free countries regard the disclosure of unpalatable truth. With us it is a fundamental right of the people to hear it, a right limited only in war-time by the necessity of withholding information from the enemy. In Nazi Germany, where the people have no rights, it is something only to be wrung from the Government when visible defeat has made further deception impossible. The comparative morality of the two systems is, no doubt, a matter in which the Nazis are not interested. But even on the lower ground of expediency there is no question which is in the long run the more profitable way—for all, that is, who have larger aims in view than the prolongation of their personal tenure of power. The British people have suffered severe setbacks, and confront an uphill fight. But they are satisfied that they know the worst about both, and they have stepped themselves accordingly to a resolution that will not flinch.



YOU GO FIRST!

# Ring Of Hatred Round Hitler

Let us take a look at the map of Europe as Hitler sees it to-day. We will leave out of account the Atlantic Ocean, where his submarines are doing well enough to disquiet us, and Albania, where the Greeks are doing well enough to disquiet him. His recent activities suggest that he does not believe that in either of these regions will his fate be made or marred.

Somewhere between them he seeks to build the fulcrum which with the lever of German military power will enable him to shift the whole of Europe into the plane of his "new order."

This is a task for which German military power alone will not suffice. The problem has passed into the diplomatic field and, more than that, into the administrative field. France is the test case, and a very conspicuous one.

Perhaps when all this is over we shall be able to cease speaking of the "collapse" of France last June and begin to marvel at the fact that the process of her defeat was arrested just on the hither side of real collapse.

Assuredly the events of the last few weeks go to show that France—dazed, shaken, disarmed as she is—still does not lie quite helpless at the feet of her conqueror.

Hitler, who staged the stupidly vindictive armistice proceedings in the railway carriage at Compiègne, now takes great pains to let the world know that he has received Marshal Petain with all the honour due to a great soldier.

And still he has nothing out of Marshal Petain which can be announced to the world—save an empty, an almost perfunctory, declaration that France will co-operate with Germany in some yet unspecified way in the establishment of an as yet unformulated "new order."

The position is that France has still some counters left with which to bargain. She has not yet parted with her ships, nor has she left most of them where they can be very easily seized.

It would still be possible for the Vichy Government, provided it acted boldly, swiftly, and secretly, to transfer itself to North Africa, where General Weygand is, so to speak, keeping a place warm for it.

Hitler is in a position where he dare not press France too far, and it hampers the whole scheme of his diplomacy. It puts him, for example, into a very difficult position with regard to Italy.

Unfortunately for himself and his partner, Mussolini allowed the slogan of "Nice, Corsica, Tunis, Djibuti" to be shouted too loud and too often for it now to be forgotten.

It leaves Hitler in a dilemma. If he announces his acceptance of this comprehensive scheme of annexation, France may well revolt. If he woos France to his side by

By  
Edward Shanks

publicly assuring her that she shall not greatly suffer, then Mussolini's subjects will want to know why they are to be given so little of what they are promised.

France, I have said, is the leading case, and a very conspicuous one. But we can proceed from it to the others.

On the face of it France was left helpless under her conqueror's foot. It was worse than in 1870. Then she was in the war alone, and it depended on her alone whether she should surrender or not. But now she had an ally to consider, the same ally with whose help she had fought through to victory in 1918.

We can measure her extremity by the fact that she felt herself obliged to go back from her pledged word not in any circumstances to make a separate peace. Here we do not any longer blame her. We understand that her own sense of helplessness must have been profound before such a thing could have happened.

But how is it that, since she was so helpless only a few months ago, she is now able to derange Hitler's diplomatic scheme? The question to be asked and answered is why Hitler left some measure of independence, some potential freedom of manoeuvre, to the eighth of the independent States which he struck down with his military strength.

I suggest that it was because his power to assimilate what he had conquered had now come to full flood and was due for the ebb. There must have been some reason why he did not put it once and for all out of her power to interfere with his scheme by occupying her completely and remaining in occupation until the whole scheme was completed.

Part of the reason, I have no doubt, was that he desired to avoid obvious responsibility for the

feeding of the population of unoccupied France, swollen as it was at the time of the armistice by millions of refugees from the areas in which the fighting had taken place.

It needs little calculation to see that a Government purporting to be that of independent France, anxious to be known as that of independent France, would take a load of administrative detail off his shoulders and stand between him and much damaging criticism.

But the main reason, in my view, was that he lacked the means of imposing his rule on yet another subject people.

We know that up to now wherever Hitler's shadow had fallen the Gestapo has marched in. This disgusting organisation did marvellously efficient work (from Hitler's disgusting point of view) in Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Poland—and, of course, before any of these in Germany.

It is without doubt the most brilliantly efficient system of political police known in history, for which reason we should pay our respects to its disgusting organiser, Heinrich Himmler, even as we put him on the drop.

It is founded on the Russian OGPU, but it has improved on the lessons taught by that institution, and it is organised and run with German thoroughness instead of Russian slackness.

But though the point seems not to have been very much noticed, this very efficiency set a limit to the power of the Gestapo. Secret police work is not the sort of industry suitable for a large-scale dilution of labour.

First you must get the right man—and they do not grow on every bush. Then you must give him an elaborate training; mere brutality of nature is by no means enough.

Now there is a rapidly growing accumulation of evidence that the tasks imposed on the Gestapo are straining its resources to and beyond the limit. It has not been as effective in Norway, Denmark, Holland, and Belgium as it was in Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Poland.

It is quite probable that it refused to undertake the responsibility of administering the whole of France. And it is to be observed that an ineffective secret police can be worse than none because its activities multiply the very resentments which it ought to suppress.

There is ample evidence that this is happening. The tide of un-

## Ahead On Points

Rightly or wrongly opinion in Britain believes that the war is entering on its final stage. That does not mean that there is a wave of optimism chasing away the December mists. On the contrary, it is a deep, significant if rather tardy wave of intense realism.

It is rather like a prize fight in which a boxer who is behind on points knows that he can only win by a knock-out. Contrary to the popular impression the British believe that it is they and not Hitler who are ahead on points and that if he does not secure the knock-out the verdict will be theirs.

Hitler's Italian gamble has gone wrong. That is evidenced not only in the sweeping victory of the Greeks and the smashing of the Italian Navy by the British Fleet

By Beverley Baxter, M.P.

but by the frantic efforts of Hitler to persuade Laval to bring France into the Axis as a substitute for Italy.

Towards the East Hitler is held up by the firm attitude of Bulgaria, Turkey and Yugo-Slavia, strengthened by the heroic stand of the Greeks. Then there is of course Joe Stalin whose grin, like the Cheshire Cat, remains when all else disappears.

And even more than that is the coming oil shortage in Germany, especially lubricating oil. Certainly Hitler has won victories, more victories and still more victories—but not victory. There is a world of difference in the two.

Therefore, the British believe Hitler must stake everything on one final coup, the defeat of Britain herself.

Heavy guns are mounted on the French coast. Each night the Luftwaffe attacks in force some provincial centre in the British Isles. The German submarines are taking reckless risks to sink British shipping while their Air Force harasses the incoming convoys.

Robbed of Elre as a strategic base the British are at a sharp disadvantage in the matter of air patrol and anti-submarine warfare.

That is why the people of these Islands are entering the last round with a determination to endure anything and everything to hit back harder and harder until the gong goes and Hitler is stretched on the canvas.

No one thinks the fight is going to be easy or that it will not leave cruel scars. Germany may be a frustrated giant but she is still a giant.

The new cult of realism also takes in the important, perhaps the all important factor of American assistance. The British do not ask for the life of a single American soldier. In spite of Mr. Joe Kennedy's fears we do not want his sons to die on a foreign field or in a foreign sky.

But Britain must have more planes and war material. She must have credits and above all she must have American ships. It is for Washington to determine the length of the war and whether Britain will be the victor or merely one of the two exhausted combatants at the end. With full American help there can only be one decision.

That is one more reason why Hitler is getting ready for a showdown with almost a fury of impatience. The British wait in their corner breathing normally and not even sweating but they know that the enemy will hit hard when the bell goes.

happiness in Hitler-dominated Europe is rising. The subject peoples have discovered that they have gained nothing by submission. That they have been spared nothing of what they dread. From this it is a short step to the realisation that they will lose nothing by turning against their masters, and they are already beginning to do it.

From all the way down the coasts of the Atlantic and the North Sea, from Narvik to Biarritz, come stories of resistance varying from stubborn disregard of German orders to acts of daring and dangerous sabotage.

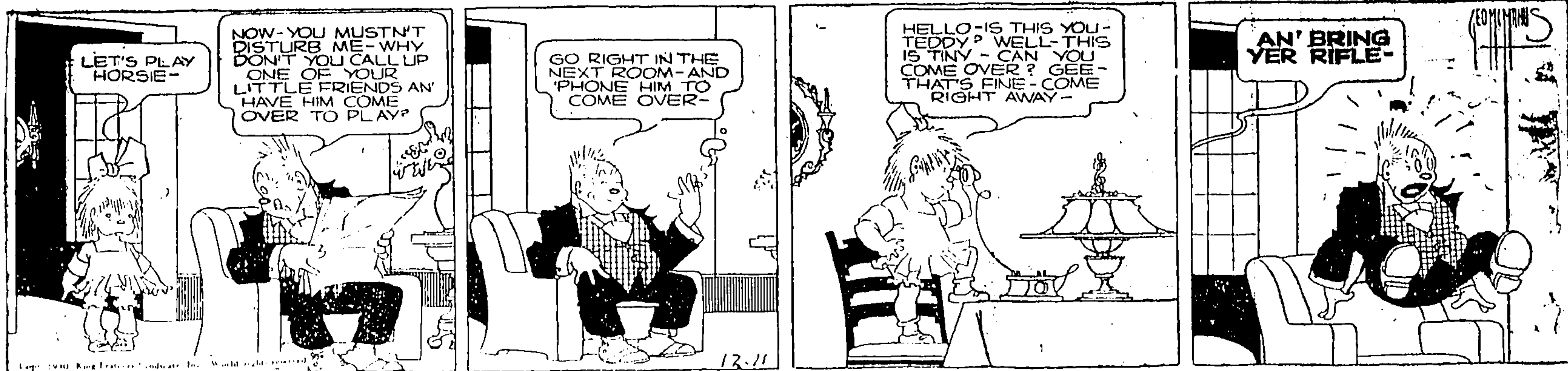
Hitler has surrounded himself and his country with a ring of hatred far more deadly than the "encirclement" he professed to dread.

The Gestapo cannot eradicate that hatred or make it harmless, and when the time comes it will express itself in a terrible vengeance.



Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



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## BRITAIN FIRM WITH BULGARIA

THE BRITISH MINISTER, Mr. George Rendel, made a strong protest to the Bulgarian Premier, M. Filoff, yesterday against the arrest of a number of Bulgarian journalists who include at least one correspondent of a British newspaper. As a result the arrested men were released.

Strong action by the British Minister has also secured the release of his butler, who had been mobilised without warning in the early hours of yesterday morning.

turn to his post later in the day.

The British Minister also discussed with M. Filoff the extent of Bulgaria's mobilisation which, in the British Minister's view, is entirely unjustifiable under present circumstances.

All telephone lines from Sofia to foreign countries are at present down.

### Deep Interest

It was learned later that the arrested journalists included the correspondent of "Time" and the other two men also had British or American connections.

The cautionary statement by the British Minister on Thursday has aroused very deep interest in Sofia, although Mr. Rendel's words have not yet been published in Bulgarian newspapers.

A report that in his statement the British Minister said the breaking off of relations with Bulgaria was very near, is unfounded. — Reuter.

## ITALIAN ATTACK SMASHED

The Greeks have smashed a counter-attack in the central sector of the Albanian battlefield. The action was described on a broadcast on the Athens Radio last night.

Many Italian dead and wounded were left on the field and in the same sector two Italian tanks were severely damaged and forced to turn tail.

At several points, said the announcer, Greek patrols scored successes while a continuous bombardment of Italian positions was doing heavy damage.

Meanwhile, the full in big scale offensive operations — owing to persistent bad weather — is being used by the Italians for improvement of their defences.

An attempted enemy air raid was foiled by anti-aircraft batteries which brought down two bombers and hit two others.

The Greek Air Force carried out several successful raids causing considerable damage to Italian positions and concentrations. — Reuter.

## SHANGHAI JOCKEYS LEAVING TOMORROW

It is understood that Messrs. H. J. Holden, F. Noodt, M. M. Sokoloff, who came down from Shanghai to take part in the Annual Race Meeting, together with Messrs. Billy Hill and George Pollock, who came in the role of spectators, will be returning to the Northern port to-morrow.

Mr. Holden, who came specially to ride for the Li Po-chun stable, had the misfortune to be kicked by a pony just before the start in the Second Section of the Sydney Maiden Stakes on the First Day of the Meeting and rode only twice during the first four days. In spite of the accident, however,

Mr. Holden was successful in riding A Surprising Time into third place in that race.

In the race immediately preceding, the Austral Valley Stakes, Mr. Holden was first on A Happy Time.

Interviewed after the accident, Mr. Holden expressed the hope of being able to ride on the following day, but it was found that the cut he sustained was more serious than at first thought, and on the Tuesday the unfortunate jockey was taken to the War Memorial Hospital, where he rested for a few days.

Mr. C. B. Moller, who to date has scored the most wins (6), is not certain when he will be returning to Shanghai.

## SMALLER U-BOATS FOR THE SPRING

(By Reuter's Naval Correspondent)

FOR THE ATTEMPT to blockade Britain, which Hitler has promised for the Spring, he has been building much smaller U-boats than hitherto.

Smaller submarines can be built in a shorter time and require less material and, perhaps most important, smaller crews are required.

The training of submarine crews is a lengthy business, and it is more than likely that Hitler has not yet got enough crews for all his U-boats.

A drawback of the smaller submarine is that its operating radius is reduced. But, as the Germans have so many French ports to use as bases, this has less importance from the German viewpoint.

Smaller submarines, however, will not be more difficult to locate by the British Navy than hitherto.

Italian submarines are believed to be operating with the Germans in the Atlantic. — Reuter.

## VALONA PLASTERED BY R.A.F.

R.A.F. bombers, with a Hurricane fighter escort, raided Valona aerodrome on Thursday, says a communique on Thursday, says a communique issued by Headquarters of the British Forces in Greece yesterday.

A very large number of bombs were dropped which exploded all over the aerodrome and hangars. Administrative buildings were repeatedly hit.

Seven enemy C-47 fighters were shot down in an ensuing combat and two others collided in mid-air and were destroyed.

The British aircraft all returned safely.

Hurricanes, in their second action since their arrival in Greece, on Thursday brought the number of their victims to 13 without loss to themselves. — Reuter.



# JAPANESE REJECTION OF FRENCH PROPOSAL



Mrs. Harold Nicolson (Victoria Sackville West, the well known novelist) has lent her 15th. century Kent home "Long Barn" to the "Save the Children Fund" for the purpose of housing bombed-out children. Photo shows a delightful study as some of the toddlers kneel down to a meal at Long Barn. (Copyright, Fox).

## TURKS FAITHFUL TO ALLIANCE

THE ENTIRE TURKISH morning press yesterday had leading articles on the visit of Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, and General Sir John Dill, Chief of Imperial General Staff.

The newspapers stress Anglo-Turkish friendship and Turkey's determination to be faithful to her undertakings.

The "Tasvir-i Efkâr," saying that common interests are at stake, adds: "Mr. Eden directed Britain's foreign policy during Italy's aggression in Abyssinia and events proved his clear-sightedness."

The "Sarı Posta," an independent daily, says that while the Anglo-Turkish Alliance is purely pacific, Turkey will never tolerate any aggression in the security zone or any plot against her life.

The "Yen Sabah" writes: "The great Atatürk, with genial foresight, re-established Anglo-Turkish friendship, the principle of which acquired the happiest form by the signature at Ankara of a Mutual Assistance Pact in 1939 and culminated in the alliance, which became the common property of the British and Turkish nations." — Reuter.

## CRIPPS IN ANKARA

SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS ARRIVED IN ANKARA YESTERDAY MORNING FOR HIS CONSULTATION WITH MR. ANTHONY EDEN, SAYS ANKARA RADIO.

Sir Stafford was accompanied by his private secretary and his military attache.—Reuter.

## CHURCHES DAMAGED IN MALTA

Two churches and a convent were damaged and more than 200 persons rendered homeless in yesterday's air raid on Malta.

Accommodation for them was immediately found in the Sacristy Church.

The official communique states that in the early morning an unidentified enemy aircraft dropped a number of bombs. There were some casualties and considerable damage was done to property.

One enemy aircraft is believed to have been seriously damaged and unlikely to have reached home.

Following the recent indiscriminate bombing of Malta, slogans reading "Bomb Rome" have appeared on walls of ruined buildings in Malta.—Reuter.

## CHINA BRITONS SUBSCRIBE

A gift of £10,000 for the purchase of aircraft from the British community in China is acknowledged with gratitude by the Minister of Aircraft Production. This makes the British community's total £112,000.—Reuter.

## NEW R.A.F. HEADACHE FOR NAZIS

The most powerful planes at present in service with any air force in the world have joined the R.A.F. and were in action against enemy occupied territory a few nights ago for the first time, stated the journal "Aeroplane" in London yesterday.

They are Short Stirling four-motor bombers, combining great load-carrying powers at high speed and a very powerful defensive armament.

In addition to the British operating forces will greatly increase our power to strike at the enemy's war effort in the heart of his territory, adds the journal, and with other still newer types and reinforcements from the United States will make possible more intense attacks on selected objectives.—Reuter.

## German Claims Refuted

It was learned in London yesterday that one of four vessels of a convoy recently attacked by the Germans and claimed by them to have been destroyed, has reached a British port undamaged.

These four vessels were officially described as not yet overdue. There were 19 ships in this convoy, which was attacked by a German raider on February 12, writes Reuter's naval correspondent.

As previously officially announced, five were sunk and 10 were safe, leaving four missing.

With the safe arrival in port of this British ship of 6,500 tons there are now three vessels in the convoy unaccounted for with a total tonnage of about 19,000.

It will be recalled that the Germans claimed at different times that 14, and later 18, ships of this convoy had been sunk, whereas at the worst eight only may have been lost.—Reuter.

## N. ZEALAND DEFENCE

NEW ZEALAND'S DEFENCE PREPARATIONS ARE BEING PUSHED FORWARD ACTIVELY.

Mr. Semple, Dominion Minister for National Service, stated yesterday that all single men aged 19 and those from 41 to 45 inclusive, are to be called up for territorial service.

Single men between the ages of 21 and 40 are all to be reserved for overseas service.

The strength of the Territorials, he explained, is being built up from men ineligible for overseas service or not becoming liable for a considerable time. This will ensure having an adequately trained force within the Dominion.—Reuter.

## Military Take Precautions: Ships Diverted

SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF THE MEDIATION CONFERENCE, IN WHICH JAPAN HAS HANDED PROPOSALS TO FRANCE AND TO THAILAND FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE BORDER DISPUTE, WILL DIRECTLY AFFECT THE FRANCO-JAPANESE ECONOMIC CONVERSATIONS ON INDO-CHINA.

It may also eventually be reflected in relations between Vichy and Berlin, well-informed Japanese sources stated in Tokyo.

Meanwhile the French are reported to be rushing military preparations in southern Indo-China following the increased tension.

General Mordant, the Commander-in-Chief, has flown to Saigon from Hanoi.

In Osaka yesterday, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha announced that it has instructed its vessels "Saigon Maru," arriving at Saigon on March 2, and "Bangkok Maru," which sailed from Bangkok yesterday, to sail for Japan via Indo-China ports.

THEY HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO PREPARE ACCOMMODATION FOR JAPANESE CIVILIANS EVACUATING INDO-CHINA UNDER JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

In addition, the "La Plata Maru," which sailed from Kobe on Thursday, is due at Haiphong on March 8.

## No Revision

It is disclosed that while Thai announced its willingness to accept the Japanese proposal of February 25, the day after it had been presented, the French representatives approached the Japanese delegates yesterday to ascertain their attitude regarding a possible revision of the Japanese proposal.

THE FRENCH DELEGATES SUBMITTED COUNTER-PROPOSALS WHICH ARE REPORTED TO SHOW A WIDE DIVERGENCE FROM THE JAPANESE FORMULA MAKING JAPANESE ACQUESCENCE TO REVISION IMPOSSIBLE.

## French Take Decision

THE FRENCH CABINET MET AT VICHY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED AFTERWARDS STATING:

"The Cabinet decided what attitude the Government should adopt towards the negotiations taking place in Tokyo for settlement of the Franco-Thailand conflict."

Unusual feature of the Cabinet meeting was that all the Secretaries of State—heads of Government departments as recently reorganised—attended.—Reuter.

## DANISH SHIPS SEIZED

Two Danish ships captured by a Canadian warship and brought to Port of Spain, Trinidad, have been released by the prize court, "to be used in defence of the nation and the realm," says a Reuter telegram.

## Cripps Visit To Ankara

The journey to Ankara of the British Ambassador to Moscow, Sir Stafford Cripps, has caused a great sensation in the Balkans, according to the Budapest correspondent of the Swiss paper "Basler Nachrichten."

It is generally believed that the reason is the necessity of informing Mr. Anthony Eden directly concerning Russia's waiting policies.

The correspondent adds that M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, is expected to deliver his postponed speech shortly, possibly after Sir Stafford returns to Moscow.—Reuter.

## BOMBS ON DOVER

THERE WAS SCARCELY ANY ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN YESTERDAY BUT A FEW BOMBS WERE DROPPED DURING THE AFTERNOON AT DOVER, CAUSING LITTLE DAMAGE AND NO CASUALTIES.

It is now known, states the Air Ministry, that an enemy bomber was shot down by anti-aircraft fire off South Wales on Wednesday.—Reuter.

## A LABOUR VICTORY

THE LABOUR CANDIDATE, MR. ADAM MCKINLAY, POLLING 21,900 VOTES, DEFEATED THE COMMUNIST, MR. MALCOLM MACLEWEN, IN A BY-ELECTION AT DUMBARTON YESTERDAY.

The election was caused by the appointment of the sitting Labour member, Mr. Tom Cassells, as Sheriff at Fort William.

Mr. MacEwen polled 3,862 votes.—Reuter.

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# UNITED EXPRESS WINS EASILY

(Continued from Front Page.)

National Integrity was withdrawn due to lameness.

Mr. S. W. Tang, who was injured when he came off The Koala Bear on the first day of the Meeting, took part in the Happy Valley Spring Handicap, thus making his first appearance since his accident.

Mr. Tao, who was to have ridden National Integrity in the previous race, only to see the pony withdrawn, was again unfortunate in this race owing to his mount, English Cavalier, being withdrawn as it did not arrive from the Stables in time.

There were 18 runners in this event and Johnber was most in demand, with Hillsboro Bay second in the betting order.

Jennifer was the pace-maker, followed by Hopeful Star, Thirty Six, Galaxy and Rob Roy, Avon being last in the early stages. In the back straight Hopeful Star had dropped back to third place, but at the Rock Thirty Six was leading, followed by Hopeful Star and Rob Roy.

Hopeful Star led into the home straight by three lengths, but Hughber was coming up very quickly on the rails, while Lilliber, Hillsboro Bay (Mr. Needa) and Avon were all challenging strongly. At the mile post it was anyone's race, but 50 yards from the post Hughber was leading with Hillsboro Bay catching it, all too slowly, it seemed. A last kick by Mr. Needa, however, did the trick and Hillsboro Bay boxed in the early stages, snatched a dramatic win by a short head. Lilliber was third, Galaxy fourth, Humdrum Eve fifth and Avon sixth.

Hillsboro Bay paid \$25.40 for its win, while Hughber would have paid almost three-figures had it won.

The decision on this race was delayed so long that it was at first thought that the verdict would be a dead-heat, but from the Press Box it looked like a win for Mr. Needa.

## Its First Win

Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Gloaming (Mr. Poy), highest priced 1941 Australian griffin, recorded its first win when it won the Yarra Stakes in convincing style from Hascossay, which just had the better of Locus Standi, the pace-maker, after being hard-ridden from the start. King's Welcome was fourth.

Locus Standi was out of the barrier like a flash, followed by King's Welcome and Hascossay. Gloaming was nowhere until the

mile post, where it came through with a great burst to pay a win dividend of \$33.30.

## Mr. Wood Graduates

Mr. R. M. Wood graduated from the Novice Class when he brought in Eve of Dancing, the hot favourite, in the Taiping Handicap, beating Eve of Folly by 2 lengths, with Rose Jane, an outsider, third, and Galveston Bay, second favourite, fourth.

Mr. Wood was warmly applauded when the pony was led in, and in future his name will appear on the board in black letters instead of red.

Advancing Time set the pace, followed by Eve of Folly, Taxing Master and Strathbannock, and at the Rock Advancing Time was still leading, followed by Taxing Master and Galveston Bay, though both the Eve ponies were coming up well.

Rose Jane paid \$27.40 for its place.

An official announcement later stated:—

## Sixth Race

The second pony, Eve of Folly, was disqualified on account of its jockey being unable to draw the correct weight on weighing in.

"The official result of the race therefore is as follows:—

Eve of Dancing ..... 1  
Rose Jane ..... 2  
Galveston Bay ..... 3

## Mr. Needa Off

Mainsail was made hot favourite for the Second Section of the Flemington Plate, following a second place behind Endeavour last Tuesday. Mr. Black did not disappoint its 4,770 supporters, taking the lead at the 1¼-Mile Gate and winning with something in reserve.

Just prior to the race Mr. Needa came off Corriedoo next to the judges' box and, after the pony had gone once round the track and returned to the paddock, the pony was withdrawn.

The Koala Bear, once again ridden by Mr. S. W. Tang—came off his pony on the first day of the Meeting and did not ride again till this afternoon—set the pace, followed by Bendigo, Snow White and Mainsail. At the Rock Mainsail moved to third place and, leading at the 1¼-Mile Gate, went on to win easily from A Rosy Time, which challenged late, with

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## BELGIAN TROOPS IN THE SUDAN

The first contingents of Belgian colonial troops drafted to the Sudan have been there some days, it was learned in London yesterday. They are "somewhere in the Sudan."

Before their departure the Commander-in-Chief, Congo, told them Belgium placed confidence and hope in them.—Reuter.

## EIREANN CURRENCY MEASURES

Banknotes and currency notes henceforth must not be sent out of Eire. This is a major provision of currency restrictions announced by the Eirean Finance Minister yesterday.

Thus neither English nor Scottish nor Ulster banknotes may be used by Eire citizens for payments to persons in Great Britain.

Apart from this prohibition, payments to persons in Great Britain continue unrestricted.

Withdrawals from savings or other bank accounts in any country except the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and a few others, are forbidden without the permission of the Eireann authorities.

Commenting on the moves, City circles in London last night pointed out they are obviously intended for conservation of Eire's foreign currency resources, and resemble the restrictions imposed by the United Kingdom Government in the early stages of the war.—Reuter.

The Koala Bear third, Bendigo fourth and Bugle fifth.

## Easy Win

Only seven started for the Professional Cup and Australian Subscription Ponies. Champions and, after its three comfortable wins in its three earlier starts, United Express was made red hot favourite and, though it did not lead all the way round, as usual, went into the lead in the back straight and won by three lengths from Jus Gentium.

Manhattan went out in front from the start, followed by United Express and Happy Returns, with Jus Gentium in close attendance. United Express took the lead into the back straight, followed by Manhattan, Endeavour, Happy Returns and Jus Gentium. By the time the Rock was reached, United Express was leading Endeavour by three lengths, an advantage which it had increased to five lengths by the time the home stretch was reached. Endeavour then faded out of the picture and was caught up and passed by Jus Gentium and then Happy Returns, which finished in that order, to be a poor fourth.

Though the race was almost a dead certainty for United Express, there was \$62,105 in the betting pool, of which United Express claimed \$38,170.

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## STOP PRESS

The Daily Double — on Hillsboro Bay and Eve of Dancing—paid \$67.10.

The award of the George Medal to a civilian in the Colonial Empire is announced.

Recipient is Carmelo Camilleri, of the Malta Police Force, who rescued an airman thrown into a 40-foot deep shaft when part of his blazing aeroplane fell into a quarry.

After unsuccessful attempts had been made to lower a rope to the airman, Camilleri was lowered into the shaft and succeeded in fastening a rope round the airman who was pulled to safety.

Fire from parts of the crashed plane fell in the shaft, rapidly filling all clear space, while in addition there was considerable danger from unexploded bombs which were still in the aircraft.

Camilleri was eventually hauled out of the shaft.

The Government of Malta, in recommending the award, described the achievement as a "really brave act." — British Wireless.

## 9.—BENARBA HANDICAP.—

Two Miles.  
T.K.L.'s Centre Court, 146 lb. (F. Noodt) 1  
T. K. L.'s Venus Bay, 159 lb. (V. V. Needa) 2  
Ellandee's Colorado Star, 135 lb. (W. H. S. Davis) 3  
11 starters. Won by 1½ lengths; many lengths. Time 3.54.3.  
Pari-mutuel: winner, \$10.30; places, 1st \$5.90; 2nd \$6.70; 3rd \$12.40.

## Cash Sweep

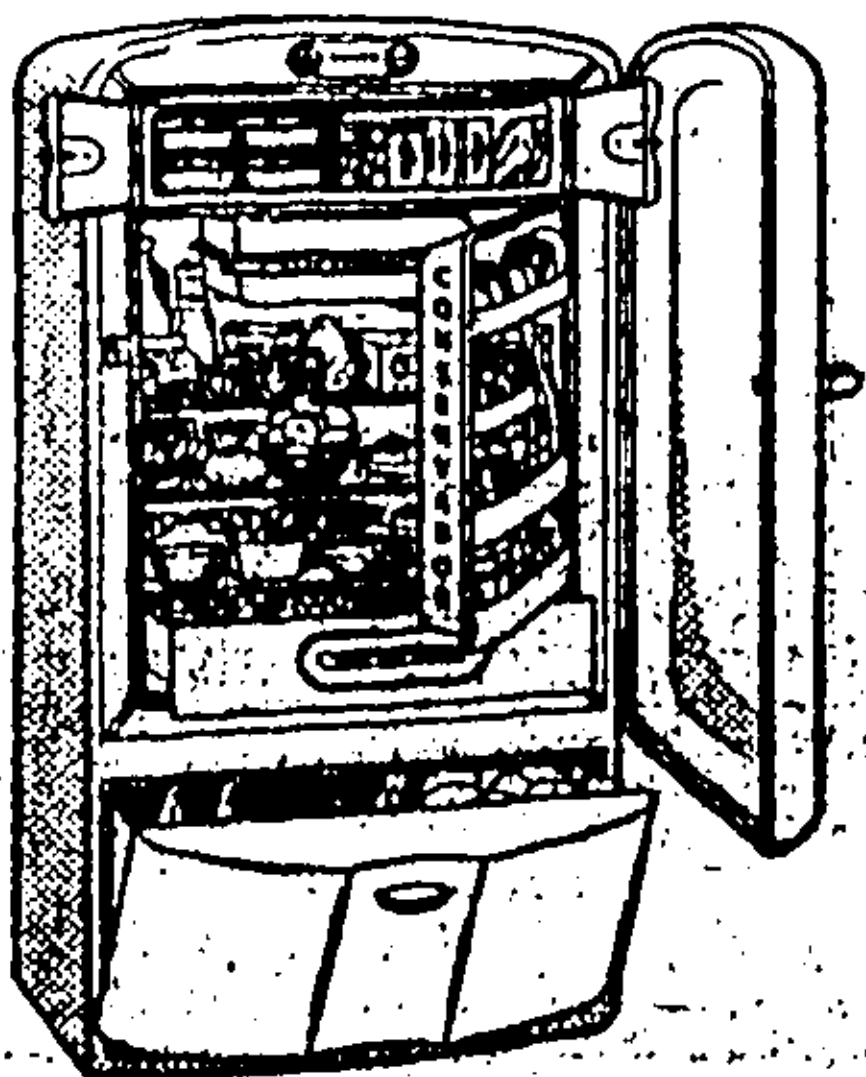
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" 5697 1070.20  
Unplaced runners (\$100 each), Nos.: 3348, 1522, 4725, 5933, 57, 887, 3611, 4113.

The senior Scottish University—St. Andrew's — yesterday conferred on General Sikorski the honorary degree of Doctor of Law.

In an address after the ceremony General Sikorski compared the system of law in a free community such as Britain with that appertaining to totalitarian states the essential difference between them being that in a free community the law was regarded as being above the State and authority whereas the totalitarian conception was the subservience of law to the all-consuming levianathan of the State.

Speaking of Poland's association with Britain, General Sikorski said: "The struggle we to-day are waging together is not only a struggle for the right of the Poles to an independent existence but also for the right of the Christian civilised world. And that is the true significance of to-day's ceremony which does me so great an honour." — British Wireless.

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